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Scale of upheaval shocks deputies

End of central rule agreed by Gorbachev

From MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW

THE Soviet Union was yesterday declared officially dead and incapable of resuscitation.

A declaration signed by President Gorbachev and ten of the Soviet Union's 15 republic leaders acknowledged that the centralised system of administration had outlived its usefulness and said that completely new forms would have to be devised, based on the republics.

The declaration, presented at yesterday's opening session of the full Soviet parliament, recommended that central parliamentary government be suspended until a new constitution is agreed, and proposed a system of three interim committees to oversee the government functions.

Backstage, a debate appeared to be raging about the future of the Baltic states, whose independence has now been recognised by more than 30 countries, including yesterday the US. Mr Gorbachev requested more time for consultation and promised an announcement today.

The pronouncement on the future of the Soviet state came in the first minutes of yesterday's parliament, the Congress of People's Deputies, and shocked the 1,900 deputies. They were told that Mr Gorbachev and ten republican leaders had compiled a declaration. Nursultan Nazarbayev, the leader of Kazakhstan, well-known as a power-broker between Mr Gorbachev and the Russian leader, Boris Yeltsin, walked briskly to the platform and read out the three-page document which spelt the end of the unitary Soviet state.

The document proposed:

☐ An *a la carte* Union Treaty to replace the existing draft of the Union Treaty which *would allow each republic to* choose its terms;

☐ Immediate work on an economic agreement to involve all 15 republics, regardless of whether they intended to remain in the union or not;

☐ The creation of an interim council of representatives of people's deputies, to comprise 20 delegates from each participating republic, the delegates to be selected from among present republic parliamentary deputies;

☐ A state council comprising the state president and heads of the republics to decide matters of common interest;

☐ An interim inter-republic economic committee comprising representatives of the republics to co-ordinate economic reform.

☐ Work on a new constitution to be approved by the republic parliaments and by the interim council of representatives;

☐ Suspension of the Soviet congress and union parliament – though, in a shrewd move that doubtless reduced opposition, deputies keep their salaries, privileges and immunity from prosecution.

The declaration proposed an agreement to preserve a single army, KGB and interior ministry; a document to confirm adherence of all republics to international agreements signed by the Soviet Union; a declaration of human rights to guarantee in particular the rights of ethnic minorities in non-Russian republics, and a provision that would allow all Soviet republics to apply for UN membership.

The document was signed by leaders of ten republics. The three Baltic states, Moldavia and Georgia, all of which are set on full independence, did not sign.

Mr Nazarbayev was greeted *with howls of rage as conservative* deputies realised the import of what he had read. After a four-hour adjournment was announced, there was a short-lived attempt by conservatives to occupy the hall, with one of the "black colonels", Viktor Alksnis, a leader of the conservative Soyuz group of deputies, striding to the podium to shout: "This is a coup."

But the republic leaders, who had been in session with Mr Gorbachev until 4am yesterday, had caught the opposition off guard. After lunch, all delegates returned to the congress hall and a sequence of muted republic leaders took the microphone to confirm *their delegation's agreement.*

In the Ukraine, leaders of the independence movement, Rukh, stepped up attacks on Leonid Krabchuk, the republic's leader. Vyacheslav Chornovil, a presidential candidate, and Ivan Drach, the Rukh leader, accused Mr Krabchuk of selling out independence by supporting Mr Gorbachev's interim plans to transform the Soviet Union.

● **Georgia shooting:** At least three people were *hurt* yesterday in the Georgian capital, Tbilisi, when police beat and fired several shots at supporters of the National Democratic party, calling for the resignation of President Zviad Gamsakhurdia (Bruce Clark writes).

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Saying it with flowers: a small girl greets John Major with a bouquet and a smile at Peking airport yesterday

Chinese puzzle veils Major's Russia speech

The prime minister's observations on the Soviet developments did not reach journalists, reports ***Robin Oakley***

John Major last night encountered oriental mystery in the form of Chinese sensitivity to the upheavals in Moscow. On arrival in Peking, Mr Major, fresh from his Moscow experience, began to broach it with Li Peng, the Chinese *prime minister, at the Great Hall* of the People. But no sooner had he mentioned the word "Russia" than all the journalists were hustled out by heavy-handed officials.

Li Peng had been heard in full. But Mr Major's words, relatively anodyne though they were, were drowned by the hubbub as protesting cameramen, sound recordists and journalists were hurried out of the room by security men and protocol officials.

Mr Major earlier inspected a Chinese honour guard with the frozen distaste of a man who has found lead shot in his bacon sandwich. Inside the Great Hall, he ploughed on gamely amid the furore. He declared of his visit to Moscow: "We live today in a changing world in which events move rapidly, very speedily, sometimes in the most unexpected way . . . " His subsequent words were lost.

He persisted at an official banquet later, asking Mr Li whether China might perhaps be considering liberal reforms like those in the Soviet Union. His host responded inscrutably that China and the Soviet Union were in no way comparable.

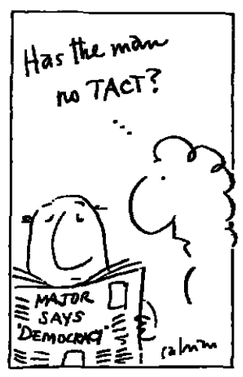
This has happened before in Peking. Journalists were hustled from the room during ceremonial pleasantries on one of Mrs Thatcher's visits, in 1984. But it appeared to some yesterday as though the Chinese, whose state-controlled newspapers recorded the coup against President Gorbachev with remarkable alacrity and its undoing with obvious reluctance, *had no wish to be* reminded of changing times.

The tactful British delegation, with other fish to fry, dismissed the ejection of the media as a coincidence, and said they were surprised that journalists had been allowed to remain for any of the largely ritual words at what had been billed as a five-minute photocall. But it hardly augurs well for Mr Major's promised efforts today to raise the issue of human rights and democracy.

As he flew from Moscow to Peking a buoyant Mr Major, fresh from giving a political boost to Boris Yeltsin, the Russian president, had declared of the

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Poll hopes send shares soaring

By MICHAEL CLARK AND PHILIP WEBSTER

RISING hopes of another half-point cut in interest rates and hints of the government's moving towards a November general election sent share prices soaring to record levels.

The London FT-SE 100 Index yesterday surged to its best ever, with a rise of 33.9 to 2,679.6, even though Wall Street was closed for Labour Day celebrations. Government securities ended the session with gains of £½ at the longer end cheered by the prospect of cheaper money *within the next few weeks.*

News that the government had taken the lead over Labour in the weekend political opinion polls and an optimistic economic survey from the CBI, claiming that there were signs of an end to the recession, were factors cheering investors.

In addition to the CBI's optimism, the Conservative leadership moved to consolidate its improved electoral standing by saying that the economy had reached a *turning-point* and claiming that there were increasing signs of economic optimism.

Chris Patten, the Conservative chairman, predicted that Britain's inflation rate would soon be lower than Germany's, as it emerged that the party's private polls are broadly in line with the most recent public surveys; both sets of polls are suggesting a sharp upturn in Tory fortunes.

Conservative strategists have been encouraged by evidence, in the Mori poll for Times Newspapers and the party's own polling, that people are becoming more optimistic about the state of the economy. The state of the economy is generally expected to be the key issue at the general election.

Tory strategists were trying to dampen renewed speculation about a November election, but they agree that it cannot be ruled out, particularly as John Major is believed to be keen to win his own mandate as soon as possible. Mr Patten left open the option yesterday as he gave the most upbeat assessment recently offered by a cabinet minister. He said that people were right to see definite signs of improvement in the months ahead and added that the foundations were being laid for an economic performance in the Nineties that would outshine that of the Eighties. He also praised the prime minister's response to the Soviet coup and its aftermath.

Ministers believe that Mr Major's recent performance has been a key factor in the party's improved standing.

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Westland wins £1.5bn helicopter contract

By MICHAEL EVANS
DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE government yesterday announced one of the biggest defence contracts for a decade with a £1.5 billion order for advanced helicopters for the Royal Navy.

The purchase of 44 *Anglo/Italian EH101 Merlin* helicopters will safeguard at least 7,000 jobs in Britain. The announcement by Tom King, the defence secretary, also provides a future for Westland, Britain's sole helicopter manufacturing company, based at Yeovil, Somerset.

He rejected an all-British bid to manage the production of the Merlin and integrate all the helicopter systems. British Aerospace, with GEC, had competed for the role of prime contractor for the programme. Westland and Agusta, its Italian partners, would have acted as sub-contractors, building the air frames.

But IBM, the American computer group, bidding for *prime contractorship jointly* with Westland, was chosen. The decision to involve an American company recalled the political controversy five years ago when Westland was saved from bankruptcy with the injection of funds from Sikorsky, the American helicopter company and which led to the Cabinet resignation of Michael Heseltine.

Mr King said yesterday the contract was "good news for the Royal Navy, good news for British jobs and good news for Britain". He was speaking on board the aircraft carrier, HMS Ark Royal, at the start of a naval equipment exhibition in Portsmouth.

The EH101 Merlin, which *will replace the Sea King,* will enter service in the second half of the decade, at least five years behind schedule. Westland is convinced that the order will help the company to win substantial exports. The Anglo/Italian consortium has developed two other versions of the EH101, a civilian and a military transport aircraft, and total orders could exceed 750 for all three variants, worth up to £10 billion.

An order from Oman for *two corvettes to be built by* Vosper Thorneycroft of Southampton, worth about £150 million, was also announced yesterday.

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Bush falls into line at last on Baltics

From SUSAN ELLICOTT IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Bush caught up with his Western allies and American public opinion yesterday by formally recognising the independence of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia, and promising to send separate envoys to each.

Mr Bush, compensating for Washington's slow response compared with the European Community, Canada and Scandinavian countries, said that a senior American official would go to the three republics soon to help their leaders deal with painful economic reforms. In a gesture towards President Gorbachev, Mr Bush also announced delegations to assess Soviet needs for food and humanitarian aid.

Mr Bush's announcements came shortly after the signing of a treaty by the central Soviet government and 10 republics to allow a looser federation. Speaking from his holiday home in Kennebunkport, Maine, Mr Bush praised as a "watershed in Soviet thinking" Mr Gorbachev's tacit recognition a day earlier that the Soviet republics would be free to determine their own future.

Mr Bush took care to avoid boosting the hopes of other breakaway states that the White House would acknowledge them, too. He said it was clear the Baltics were different because American policy had

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Gretna goes up-market in the hitching trade

By ALAN HAMILTON

ALL that the taxman and the beauty therapist had planned was a quiet romantic wedding in the register office at Gretna. What they got yesterday was a horse and carriage, a pipe band, the august presence of the local MP, a wedding cake, an engraved decanter, a champagne reception and a night in a four-poster bed.

Marriage is an important matter to Stephen Griffin and Caroline Slomka, the bride and groom from Nottingham. It is an even more important matter to *Dumfries and Galloway* regional council, which seized upon the happy couple and showered them with municipal munificence to publicise the opening of a new register *office in the village known throughout* the world as the place for furtive lovers to run away to.

Based on a traditional Japanese layout, with furnishings in the style of Charles Rennie Mackintosh, the new office offers a choice of wedding rooms and changing rooms, and a flat fee of £30 to tie the knot. Flowers, photographs, piped music, and a poem, speech or dedication delivered by the registrar, are extra. Bookings are now made up to a year in advance.

Yesterday's opening ceremony was performed by Pat Smith, the retiring registrar, who in a 35-year career at Gretna married more than 10,000 couples in her tiny office, including 1,649 last year alone. She predicted *that Gretna would soon rival Caxton* Hall in London as a place where persons of note might wish to get hitched.

The regional council is determined to cash in on Gretna's reputation, as a means of promoting the local economy, and has set a long-term target of 5,000 weddings a year. Like high street banks, the office will open on Saturdays as well as weekdays.

For more than 200 years eloping couples, often with angry parents in hot pursuit, were married over the anvil in the Gretna Green blacksmith's shop. Such irregular marriages were outlawed in 1939, but runaways still made for the first register office across the border to take advantage of *Scottish law that did not require any* parental consent for marriage above the age of sixteen.

Gretna's appeal was somewhat diminished in 1969 when the legal age for marriage without consent was reduced from 21 to 18. Numbers rose again substantially in the Eighties, fuelled no doubt by a decline in the popularity of the church.

Fleeing lovers, however, often found the romantic edge of their priceless moment somewhat blunted. The old register office was in the same building as a dentist's surgery; though the buzz of a drill and occasional yelps of pain filtering through the wall might have been a solemn warning to the starry-eyed of what lay ahead.

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MPs act to save funds for drug and alcohol treatment units

DRUG and alcohol treatment services have reached a critical stage, with up to 2,000 beds at risk; as many as 5,000 people a year could be denied help, according to a report to be published soon.

MPs are re-forming the all-party Parliamentary Group on Alcohol Misuse. A priority will be to ensure that adequate funds are secured for residential treatment services before legislative changes come into effect. The 200-page report, to be published by the charity Turning Point, says that funding difficulties could result from measures in last year's National Health Service and Community Care Act.

Residential centres are at risk of closure because much of the funding for them is being switched to local authorities. **Ruth Gledhill** reports

From April 1993, social security department income-support funding, the largest source of revenue for residential services, will be transferred to local authorities. Workers in the drug and alcohol field are concerned that that could bring about administrative difficulties and financial shortfalls, and that some could be forced to close.

The government introduced an amendment to the bill requiring local authorities to make specific provision for people with drug and alcohol problems under their community care plan. Kenneth Clarke, then health secretary, also introduced the drug and alcohol specific grant, which provides £2 million this year and next.

Dr Les Rudd, chief executive of Turning Point, said: "We are concerned to ensure that when local authorities get the money, they will give it to residential services and not just day or information centres. We want assurances that the funding will be protected and more details of how the funding will work. We are facing a situation where a lot of services could be forced to close, mainly residential treatment centres."

The report, *All Change After the DSS*, is based on a survey of 100 treatment centres with nearly 2,000 beds. It estimates that a minimum budget of £13 million, based on current social security department income-support payments, will be needed.

The treatment centres help about 5,000 people a year, but Dr Rudd said that there were potentially 20,000 annual referrals in England and Wales. Without the intensive residential therapy necessary to spur them into recovery, many of the people concerned faced homelessness and serious health problems, he said.

Alun Michael, Labour MP for Cardiff South and Penarth, who will co-chair the reconstituted parliamentary group, has a record of gaining funds for alcohol services in Wales. He said: " There is enormous confusion over what the impact of the act will be. I do not think it has been thought out." The group will hold its first meeting this autumn.

Nick Barton, director of Clouds House, Wiltshire, a drug and alcohol treatment centre that helps more than 400 people a year, said: "After 1993 it is not clear who is going to be responsible for paying for board and lodging and who will pay for the treatment. If we cannot get the funding we need, we will have to close."

In an internal consultation document, health department officials propose how drug and alcohol funds should be allocated.

An official said: "After 1993 funds will be allocated in a formula now being developed. Until then we have allocated £2 million on a ring-fenced basis to enable payments to be made to voluntary organisations who provide services for alcohol and drug misusers." Eric Appleby, of Alcohol Concern, said: "Until the government announces how much money will be set aside and where it will go, we are still in the dark."

Some patients in treatment centres now receive weekly payments from the social security department of £183 in London and £170 elsewhere. After 1993 local authorities will bear the cost, drawing on funds transferred from the department. Dr Rudd said: "The thrust of the reforms is to devolve power to local level. Rather than go to one social security benefit office, after 1993 we could have to talk to up to 30 different local authorities."

Autopsy report on mental patient 'was woefully inadequate'

By RONALD FAUX

A POST-mortem examination report on a patient who died in an isolation room at Ashworth hospital on Merseyside was "woefully if not shamefully inadequate", Patricia Scotland, QC, said yesterday at the opening of an enquiry into allegations that inmates were physically and sexually abused.

Miss Scotland, for the committee of enquiry, said it had been clear that the death three years ago of Sean Walton, aged 20, was a cause for suspicion and concern. There were allegations that he had been struck on the head with a billiard cue by a member of staff and that that might be a case of some impropriety. "It was of the utmost importance that a thorough and extensive post-mortem should be carried out in order to eliminate suspicions if they were unfounded", she said.

The enquiry comes after allegations of abuse at Ashworth hospital made last March in a documentary on Channel 4 television. Solicitors representing patients at the hospital are expected to detail claims of brutality over a five-year period beginning with the case of Mr Walton whose "short and tragic life" ended in the hospital.

Miss Scotland told the enquiry that he had suffered head injuries and had a degree of mental handicap. He lacked social skills and his admission as a sex offender to Ashworth hospital in 1983 had been a last resort. One medical report on him said that he seemed incapable of surviving in society.

Mr Walton was placed in seclusion, Miss Scotland said, after a male nurse had allegedly struck him with a billiard cue. Regular checks were made during the night but the next day he was found unconscious on the cell floor. Attempts were made to revive him but he died.

The post-mortem examination carried out on March 2 by Nicholas Jaswon, a pathologist, found the cause of death to be "unascertainable from the autopsy". Miss Scotland said that it was unclear how much information had been given to Dr Jawson about Mr Walton's difficulties and brain damage and how much, if any, detail was given to him about suspicions relating to the alleged assault.

No marks of violence had been noted and no detailed description had been made of any old marks or wounds to differentiate them from more recent marks. There were no signs noted of the vigorous attempts made to resuscitate Mr Walton, no skull fractures noted nor any detailed examination of the brain.

"The brevity of that report causes difficulty and leaves open the question as to whether symptoms were present which were not observed. Because there is no detail given one is unable to exclude that possibility," she said.

Miss Scotland criticised Gordon Glasgow, the coroner, who recorded an open verdict on Mr Walton at the inquest on March 4 and declared himself satisfied that there were no circumstances likely to call for further examination of the body which was released for cremation. That, she said, was an extraordinary and unmerited decision.

In the light of Sean Walton's medical history, the coroner ought to have taken evidence as to the nature of the brain damage in addition to the information supplied to Dr Jaswon. There was no indication that the coroner made any enquiry as to the nature of the examination of the brain.

"He failed to call before him all the relevant evidence indicating the cause of Sean Walton's death and failed to find out the explanation", she said. The best one could say was that there may be a series of possible explanations that the enquiry would never be able definitively to verify.

Ian Bynoe, solicitor and legal director of Mind, the mental health pressure group, said after the first day's hearing that Mr Walton had died alone in circumstances that raised important suspicions and doubts. "There is much to be uncovered here," he said.

The enquiry is expected to last three months.



Scotland: patient's death a cause for suspicion



Divine voices: David Kossoff and Hannah Gordon, among the stars who will read segments of the Bible on Radio 4

In the beginning, there was Sir John

By MELINDA WITTSTOCK, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

SIR John Gielgud is to lead a distinguished cast in providing daily divine inspiration with the start of almost 250 Bible readings on Radio 4 every weekday morning, starting in the autumn.

Sir John will read only from *Genesis*, with others such as David Suchet, Sir Michael Hordern, Hannah Gordon and David Kossoff appearing until the end of *The Book of Revelations* next autumn. The readings will be aired in 15-minute segments after the daily service at 10.15am, only on long wave, from September 16.

The Old Testament will take until next 1992 to complete, with 155 separate readings, and 12 writers commissioned to adapt the Authorised Version. "All the boring 'begats' will be cut out," a Radio 4 spokesman said. Readings from the New Testament, from the revised English Bible of 1989, will begin in May.

Radio 4 is also launching "themed days", offering different strands of entertainment for half an hour each morning, at 10am, on the FM frequency. The new format will provide quizzes on Mondays, travellers' tales on Tuesdays, features on Wednesdays, drama on Thursdays and ways of looking at the past on Fridays.

Both frequencies merge at 10.30am for a faster-paced *Woman's Hour*, whose guests in September will include the Duchess of York, Liza Minnelli, Katharine Hepburn, Glenn Close, Germaine Greer and Anita Roddick. The station has persuaded Kathleen Turner, the Hollywood actress who commands millions of dollars for films, to star in a drama series for £400 a programme. Miss Turner plays the Chicago detective V.I. Warshawski in *Killing Orders*, a serialisation of the novel by Sarah Paretsky. The actress is starring in a film of the same name.

Four police officers stabbed in street

By PETER VICTOR

THREE policewomen and a male colleague were stabbed yesterday as they investigated a disturbance at a north London shopping centre. Two of the women were said to be in a serious condition.

WPC Jennifer Lawson, aged 28, was stabbed under the armpit with the knife blade entering her chest, and in the abdomen. Helen Kelly, aged 25, had wounds to the chest and abdomen.

A man attacked the officers in front of dozens of shoppers in Wood Green High Road. Chief Inspector Tom Morrissey said that he was believed to be a patient of Friern Barnet mental hospital.

Shirley Llimah, aged 25, manager of a fast-food restaurant, said: "I have seen him shuffling up and down the street for the last three years. He's a loner."

All three women constables were being treated at the North Middlesex hospital, north London. Zara Kingdom, aged 19, suffered a less serious wound to her arm.

Sergeant John Davison was taken to Whittington hospital, north London. He was said to be in a stable condition.

Two members of the public were also stabbed. One was taken to Whittington hospital and the other was treated at the scene by an ambulance crew.

Scotland Yard said a man aged 37 from Muswell Hill, north London, had been arrested. A knife was recovered from the scene.

Western Isles chief resigns

The convener of Western Isles council, which lost £24 million with the collapse of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International, yesterday announced his resignation as a "matter of principle".

The Rev Donald Macaulay said that he would continue as a councillor for his division of Uig. His decision follows repeated calls for his resignation.

Mr Macaulay said in his letter of resignation: "Although I had nothing whatsoever to do with the investment of money with the bank, it is a matter of honour that I show my sympathy for the people of the Western Isles in the loss that we all have suffered. Resignation is the only instrument available to me."

Home price fall

House prices fell a further 1 per cent last month and are at the level of last October, Nationwide Anglia Building Society said yesterday.

Summer holidays and rising unemployment meant buyers stayed out of the market despite prices falling for the second consecutive month, the Nationwide said. Its monthly house price bulletin showed the average price of a home fell £591 during the month to £58,337.

Prices fell 0.6 per cent in July. In the previous two months they rose 2.6 per cent. Nationwide does not expect prices to pick up significantly until the recession is over.

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Police at school

Detectives hunting the sex-killer of Angela Flaherty, aged seven, will talk to her classmates today. Superintendent Peter Bottomley is to visit Rawthorpe junior and infant schools, near her home in Brownroyd Avenue, Rawthorpe, Huddersfield. Angela was a pupil at the infants school and would have started at the junior school today. Her body was found on August 11 in a children's den.

Parents stay

The parents of the British nurse Alexandra Lye, presumed murdered after she vanished while on holiday in Spain, said last night they had no plans to help Spanish police to hunt for her body. Phillip Lye, an engineer from Canterbury, Kent, said his daughter, aged 27, was on her first trip to Spain. She was apparently stabbed after opening her door to her attacker in Aguadulce, near Almeria.

Priests meet

More than 100 priests from the Roman Catholic church in England and Wales are meeting in Birmingham this week to discuss how they can more effectively serve the underprivileged and the poor. Fr Brian O'Sullivan, chairman of the National Conference of Priests, said it would focus on the social teaching of the poor and show "how work for the poor fulfils the mandate to evangelise".

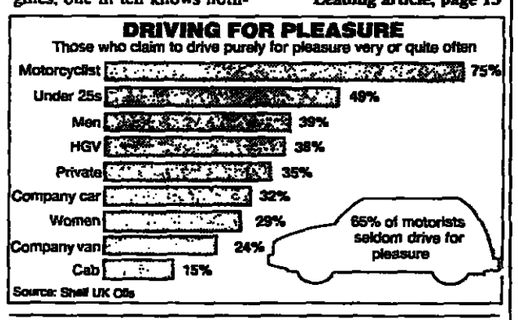
Motorists say driving is losing its appeal

DRIVING is no longer a pleasure for most motorists, according to a survey published yesterday. Nearly two-thirds of drivers say that they seldom, if ever, drive purely for pleasure and almost half find driving less pleasurable now than two years ago.

The survey for Shell UK Oil indicates that more than three in five motorists have little or no knowledge of vehicle engines; one in ten knows nothing about engines; nearly nine in ten are aware of motoring's impact on the environment; and concern for emissions comes second to worries about fuel prices and engine wear.

When asked to identify the most important factors in choosing a new car, most motorists look for fuel economy ahead of maintenance, performance and exhaust emissions.

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£100m compensation claim in Docklands

RESIDENTS living in London's Docklands have launched a £100 million compensation claim for the misery of living in Europe's biggest building site.

The legal move for damages and an injunction restraining nuisance was launched as Roger Freeman, the transport minister with special responsibility for the docklands, arrived to begin a four-day fact-finding visit.

The claim by people living in the shadow of the 800ft Canary Wharf tower is to be made against the London Docklands Development Corporation and the developers and is expected to become the biggest group action in English legal history.

Richard Meeran, a solicitor acting for the tenants, said a High Court injunction is likely to be sought to limit construction dust, and confine noise to reasonable hours while pursuing claims for damages.

Last night the LDDC rejected the claim by lawyers that construction work has infringed residents' legal rights and said steps were taken to control dust and noise.

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£1.8bn defence contract

Corvette orders keep Clyde hopes afloat

Warship building in Britain is a competitive business. **Ross Tieman** reports on the implications of yesterday's defence order

FOUR miles west of Glasgow city centre, on the north bank of the Clyde, the late summer sunshine brightened the face of Scotstoun's tenements and tower blocks.

But only a touch of wry humour relieved the gloom with which workers at Yarrow Shipbuilders assessed their prospects as they filed back to work for the afternoon. "We are on our last order now," said shipwright Michael Mullen. "Eight hundred men are set to lose their jobs at the end of this year. Even if we get a contract to build corvettes for Malaysia, it won't come in time to stop that."

Managers at the yard, which employs 3,500, say it is too early to put a figure on the number of short-contract workers who will be laid off later this year. The General Electric Company, which owns Yarrow, was cautious about hopes raised by the defence secretary, Tom King, yesterday when he announced that negotiations by Malaysia to order two corvettes from Yarrow were advanced.

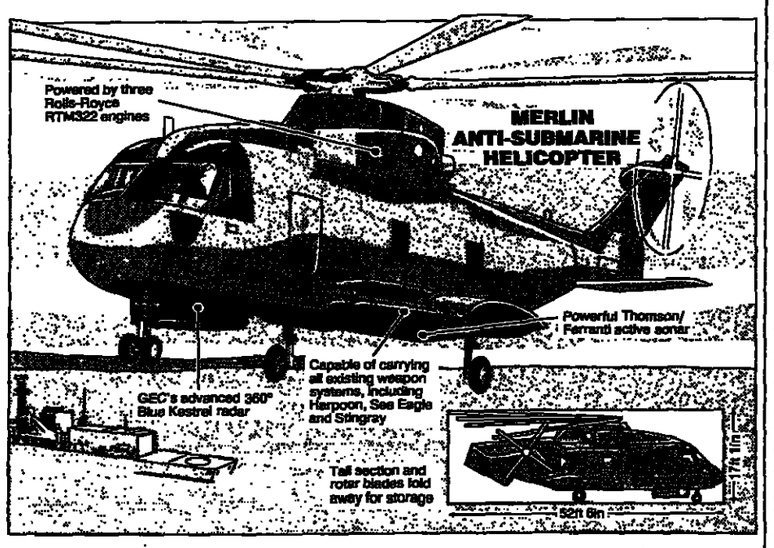
The £180 million order, together with a £150 million contract for Vosper Thornycroft at Southampton to build two slightly smaller corvettes for Oman, would provide a welcome relief for Britain's five warship yards.

Even before Mr King announced his *Options for Change* defence review, Royal Navy orders were insufficient to keep them all fully employed. VSEL's decision to close its Cammell Laird yard, on Merseyside, unless a buyer is found was evidence of the pressures.

All four remaining yards, Yarrow, Vosper Thornycroft, VSEL at Barrow-in-Furness and Swan Hunter on Tyneside, are engaged on orders for the Royal Navy. But the competition to build three more Type 23 frigates, the only contract for new navy ships to be placed in the immediate future, will be tough.

Martin Jay, managing director at Vosper, said improved labour relations had facilitated the adoption of modular techniques and improved management of the work-flow. Instead of being assembled piece by piece in the open air, vessels are built in sections, under cover. "We calculate that if a job takes three hours when a ship is afloat it will take only one hour when the module is standing by itself in the assembly hall," he said.

There is little doubt that British warship yards are now internationally competitive. Vosper beat off ten rivals for the Oman contract, including shortlisted bids from yards in Holland and France. GEC said the Malaysian contract would enhance its prospects of success in other ship export orders which it was seeking. In the long run, that may be the true significance of yesterday's announcement for the workers on Clydeside.



A helicopter for all seasons

By MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE order for 44 EH101 Merlin helicopters for the Royal Navy, announced yesterday, will make it one of the most expensive aircraft bought for the armed services. At £36 million each, they compare with a £20 million Tornado jet fighter and £130 million for an Awacs early warning aircraft.

However, the cost will come down in the long term if the defence ministry orders more EH101s, either the naval version or the military transport variant for the RAF. Development costs for the helicopter programme were £800 million. The Merlin will replace the Sea King and eventually the Lynx as the navy's anti-submarine helicopter.

Deployed on the navy's latest Type 23 Duke class frigate, the Merlin will be capable of being launched in the roughest seas, with the ship on any heading and in wind speeds of 50 knots from any direction. It will also be carried by the navy's aircraft carriers.

The development programme was based on nine pre-production helicopters and a 4,000-hour flight test schedule. Westland says the EH101 will be able to detect, classify and destroy enemy submarines at extreme ranges while operating independently.

The EH101 development is managed by EH Industries, a company owned by Westland and Agusta. Westland's responsibilities for the helicopter are the front fuselage, landing gear, cabin, cockpit, engine installations and the main rotor blades.

The prime contractorship for integrating all the systems into the aircraft and managing the production of the Merlin has been awarded to Westland and IBM, the American computer company.

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Oxford braces for another night of trouble while Cardiff settles down after a bout of 'summer madness'

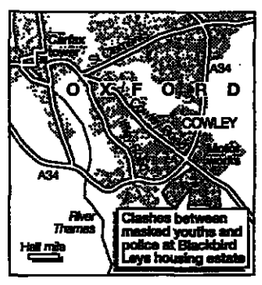
Police will not allow gangs to create no-go areas

By CRAIG SETON

POLICE said yesterday that they would not allow a housing estate in Oxford to become a "no-go area" controlled by gangs, after officers in riot gear were confronted by a mob of 200 youths throwing petrol bombs, bricks and stones in what was suspected to be a planned attack.

The violence early yesterday in the Blackbird Leys area was the fourth night of disorder involving gangs of youths who, residents said, had made their lives a misery by performing late-night joyriding stunts in stolen, high-performance cars, watched and egged on by others.

Two policemen were slightly injured and nine people were arrested during the confrontation, soon after midnight, which left the estate littered with broken glass, bottles, bricks and paving stones. An estimated 100 officers donned riot gear when they were bombarded with



petrol bombs and other missles by youths, some of whom wore face masks. The violence started after a police car was stoned and a private motorist had his windscreen shattered.

Police said gangs of youths involved in high-speed joyriding had tried to outwit officers patrolling the area by using CB radio to contact each other and radio scanners to listen to police messages. One officer said that, after earlier police action in the area, it was known in advance that the gangs were seeking retribution and had prepared petrol bombs.

Superintendent Ralph Perry, head of Oxford police operations, said yesterday: "We are not prepared to be threatened. We will not be intimidated and in no way will this become a no-go area." He blamed the trouble on long-running bad feeling on the estate and said effective police action taken recently had provoked a backlash.

Police displayed more than a dozen petrol bombs they recovered after the latest disorder. Senior officers condemned some parents who were reported to have taken children out to watch the confrontation. Mr Perry said one family, with children aged six and eight, had been found cowering in a corner near the centre of the trouble. He said: "They told us they had come to watch the disorder that they knew was going to take place."

Four men and a youth appeared before Oxford magistrates yesterday on public order offences, including threatening behaviour, resisting arrest and breaches of the peace. Their cases were adjourned but all five were ordered to obey a curfew between 10.30pm and 7am.

As police prepared to mount more patrols in the area, residents and community leaders praised them for tackling the lawlessness. Andrew Smith, the Labour MP for Oxford East, who lives on the estate, said: "It is clear there is a tiny minority at the core of this trouble. The police had no alternative but to deal with it in the way that they did."

There were reports that joyriding youngsters attacted large crowds to watch them, including children under ten, and that they may even have charged an "admission" fee to spectators.

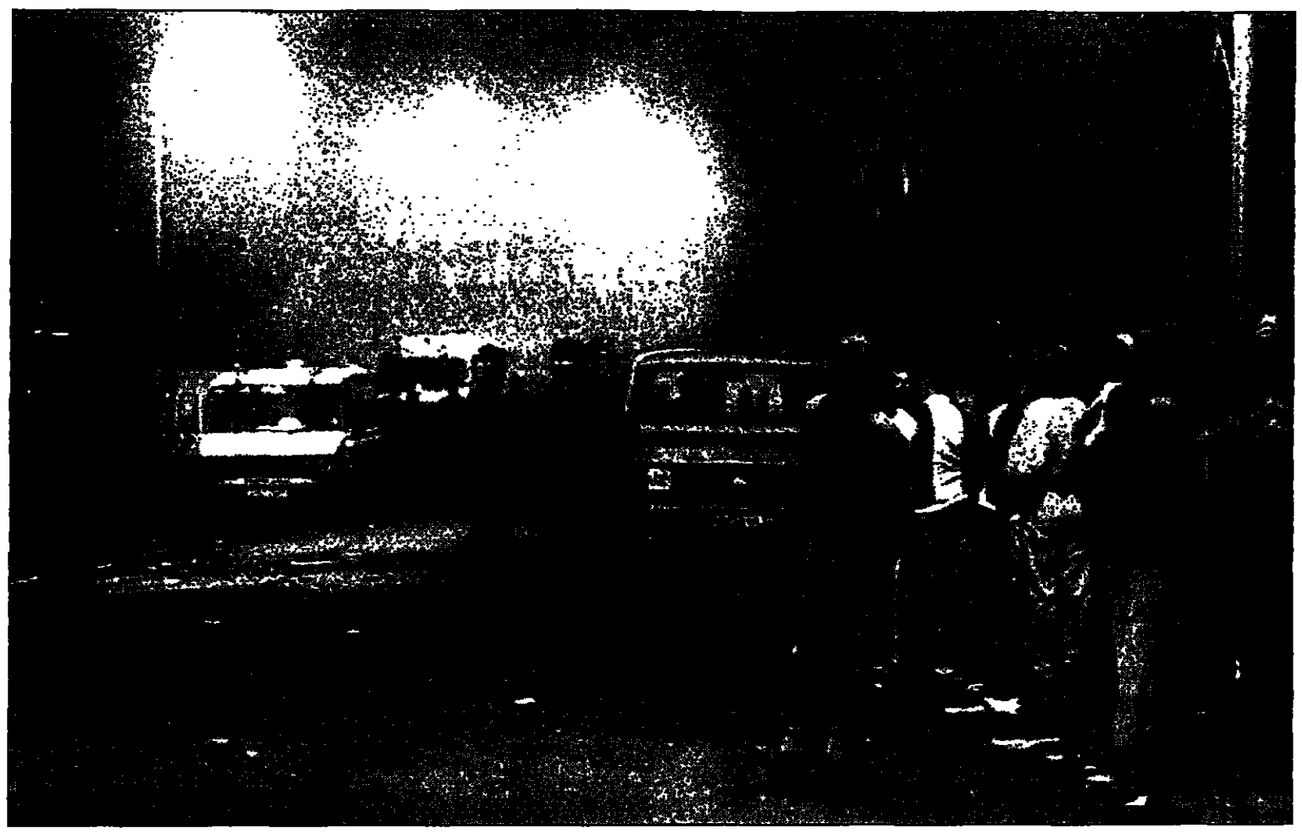
Mavis Fletcher, who lives on the estate, said: "Most people are afraid to go out at night. Some of those causing the trouble cannot be older than 14 or 15." Others said the trouble had been going on for more than a year. Christine Ojuku said: "You lie in bed late at night and hear the tyres screeching as they race past the house. They drive up and down the roads at incredible speeds. It is a wonder no one has been killed yet."

An unemployed youth, aged 17, who asked not to be named, said: "It relieves the boredom. There is not anything else to do. Most of the kids are out of work and they have not got any money, so they take cars and race them. It gives everyone a buzz and a bit of excitement. What's the harm in that?"

Another youth, aged 19, who said his name was Dave, added: "We are expecting more trouble. The police will be here in numbers and so will we."

The Rev James Ramsay, Anglican priest of the estate's Church of the Holy Family, said pressures and frustrations among young people in the area were running high. There was a climate of financial insecurity and increased hardship and, as a result, "all sense of responsibility has been taken away from people on that estate".

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Tense standoff: young demoastrators confronting police defiantly as reinforcements arrive at Ely at the height of trouble early yesterday

Show of force calms rioters as bread feud boils over

By TIM JONES

POLICE and community leaders in Cardiff were last night hoping a combination of unprecedented force and appeals for calm had acted to curb what has become known as the great bread riot.

To date, the dispute between two adjoining shop keepers on a dreary and sprawling council estate has resulted in 23 people being arrested, some for public order offences, two petrol bombs being thrown and anti-riot police sealing off the area. One police officer had been injured by an airgun pellet.

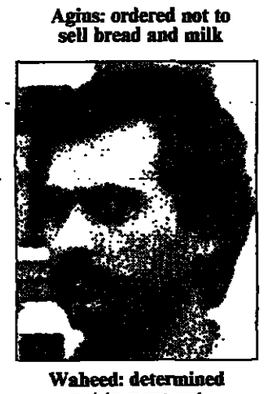
The Rev Bob Morgan, a local councillor, has compared the three nights of violence on the Ely council estate with scenes from Northern Ireland as a helicopter, equipped with searchlight, has hovered over the night scene to pick out troublemakers.

Yesterday, in bright sunshine, the analogy appeared far fetched as two policemen in short sleeves stood guard across the road from the two shops whose owners are at the centre of the feud. A lazy group of youths sat on a grass verge, all denying they had anything to do with the trouble, while younger children offered to sell details of the great night drama.

In spite of some assertions, the rioting does not appear to be in any way racially motivated. The estate, which has the highest unemployment rate in the area, has been sweltering in a heat wave and the troubles have begun after the public houses have shut.



Agius: ordered not to sell bread and milk



Waheed: determined not to move out

Chief Superintendent Dennis Jones, of the South Wales constabulary, said: "We are dealing with summer madness. There is a hard-core element which we are concerned about and which seems intent on causing problems.

"It is a sad day when we have to deploy protective equipment to safeguard officers on the streets." One sign that the rioting has been caused by general discontent is the fact that two council rent offices have been attacked.

The riots began last week after Abdul Waheed, owner of a grocery store, won a High Court injunction preventing the newsagent shop next door, owned by Carl Agius, a Welshman of Maltese extraction, from selling bread and milk.

Mr Waheed had argued that while a covenant to the lease of his shop banned him from selling newspapers, it also prevented Mr Agius from trading in dairy produce and bread.

According to Mr Waheed, who had yesterday put down the steel shutters on his shop, Mr Agius posted an "inflammatory" notice in his window explaining to his customers why they would no longer be able to buy sliced bread.

Susan Agius denied the notice was offensive and claimed the trouble was caused because of Mr Waheed's attitude. "This is not a dispute about selling bread, she said.

"It is his attitude which people do not like. People do not want them out because they are Pakistanis. He seems to take the attitude that people must use either his shop or ours. You cannot dictate to people where they should shop."

Mrs Agius said the family intended to appeal against the order.

Mr Waheed said: "The scenes in the streets have been terrible but I am determined not to move out. All this has hit my business but I know that legally I am in the right."

Error on prices puts pressure on tax bills

By DOUGLAS BROOM, LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT

THE first council tax bills may be higher than predicted because of an apparent mistake in the calculation of average house prices by the government.

Figures published yesterday by two of the biggest building societies suggest that the environment department has over-estimated average house prices by as much as £21,000.

Homes are to be grouped into eight tax bands for the purpose of the new tax and the government said yesterday that council tax valuations would be based on the notional market price of a property on April 1 this year.

Regulations published yesterday by the environment department also confirmed the government's belief that the average home would fall in band D, which runs from £68,000 to £88,000, suggesting a national average around £78,000.

According to the Nationwide Anglia building society, however, the average price of a home in Britain on April 1 was £57,731 while the Halifax, the country's biggest building society, put the average at £64,086.

Figures released by the societies yesterday suggest that prices have risen by about 1 per cent since then and both predict that by April 1 1993, when the council tax comes into force, prices will have risen by less than 7 per cent.

The apparent discrepancy could have serious consequences for local government finance because the government is basing all its calculations on the likely level of the new tax on the assumption that band D will be the average.

Earlier this year ministers published figures suggesting that the council tax bill on a property in band D would be £400 if the tax had been introduced this year. However, if there are fewer properties in that band than the government expects councils will raise less money from the new tax than ministers have estimated.

If, as seems likely, the Treasury refuses to make up the shortfall the burden would have to fall on council tax payers. The environment department said last night: "We stand by our figures. They take into account all properties, not just those on the open market."

David Blunkett, Labour's local government spokesman said: "The original exemplifications of tax bills now look even more misleading than when they were first published. It would be farcical if it were not so serious."

Trawler skipper's widow hoped sub was near

By KERRY GILL

THE widow of the skipper of the Antares fishing boat told an enquiry yesterday that she had hoped a submarine was involved when she first heard the vessel was missing.

The boat was dragged under water by the hunter-killer submarine HMS Trenchant off the west coast of Scotland. Christine Russell said she was told her husband's vessel had disappeared off the isle of Arran on November 22. Her immediate reaction was to hope that it had been snagged by a submarine and that her husband and his three crewmen might have escaped. "When you hear a boat has been lost and there is no sign of it, it might have exploded."

The Antares, based at Carradale, had been snagged by HMS Trenchant, but the boat and crew were dragged beneath the surface. The fatal accident enquiry into the deaths of James Russell, aged 33, the skipper, and his crew, Dugald Campbell, aged 20, Stewart Campbell, aged 29, and William Martindale, aged 24, opened at Paisley Sheriff Court yesterday before Sheriff Principal Robert Hay.

Captain David Dunn, principal inspector of the transport department's marine accident investigation branch, said the Antares was in the middle of a turn when its gear was caught by Trenchant at about 2.19 on the morning of November 22.

The submarine's control room reported banging noises from the starboard and realised that a fishing trawl may have been caught. At the time there were four students on board Trenchant.

Captain Dunn said dragging noises were heard. The "teacher", the officer carrying out the examining exercise, took control and the submarine rose to a depth of 37 metres because the officer did not want to rise to periscope depth until he was sure that the surface was clear.

Radio contact was made with the HMS Charybdis, a frigate taking part in the exercise. Wire was found wrapped around the submarine's sonar dome which was then cut.

Trenchant returned to Faslane at noon but about an hour before its arrival its commanding officer received information that a fishing vessel might be missing.

The Antares was found lying on its starboard side in 150 metres of water off Arran. Captain Dunn said that the position of three bodies found later indicated that they did not escape until the Antares was on her way to the bottom, having turned turtle.

The enquiry continues today.

£400,000 fraud 'backed by threats'

By RICHARD DUCE

DEATH threats were made against the daughter of a solicitor by one of her father's criminal clients to force her into attempting a £400,000 banking swindle, Southwark crown court was told yesterday.

Emma Gitting, aged 25, says she was forced by a man known as Stephen Raymond to try to transfer £400,000 from an account known to hold £750,000 into a Luxembourg bank account she had opened, using a false passport in the holder's name.

However, suspicious staff in Luxembourg returned the money to the account held by Susan Krimholtz, a student and the daughter of a wealthy industrialist, at Barclays in Tottenham Court Road, London, said Sally O'Neill, for the prosecution.

A few days later Miss Gitting was arrested at Barclays after she tried to use a forged letter to have a £428,000 bank draft paid over to her from Miss Krimholtz's account. Miss O'Neill said Miss Gitting tried to run away when police approached. One of two men who were waiting outside — neither of whom has been caught — was later identified as Mr Raymond.

"The issue is not really 'did she do it?' because it is accepted she did do it," said Miss O'Neill. "The issue is why did she do it. Was she forced or was she a willing partner? The defence is saying that she was forced to do these acts, that is, that she committed the acts under duress in the sense that she committed them because of threats being made — either of death, or of serious injury."



Gitting: accused of using false passport



Krimholtz: said to have £750,000 in account

Miss Gitting was found with a forged passport with her photograph in it but in Miss Krimholtz's name, and with headed notepaper with Miss Krimholtz's name and address, together with a forged college pass. The forged letters purported to be from Miss Krimholtz, a University College hospital medical student.

In an early interview with police Miss Gitting admitted writing the forged letters after the men had told her what to say. She later claimed she had been frightened into joining the conspiracy, which included people working at the Tottenham Court branch. Miss O'Neill said: "The prosecution says that it was not a true account Emma Gitting was giving about why she was not involved, except possibly that someone at the bank may have been involved."

Miss Gitting, of Baker Street, central London, who is unemployed, denies conspiracy to steal between August and November last year, two counts of forgery and using a false instrument, the passport.

The trial continues today.

Children deprived of mail

A SACK of mail sent to the nine Orkney children in care remained undelivered while a social work co-ordinator was on holiday. And medicine sent to one of the children, who has asthma, was mislaid, the judicial enquiry into the circumstances surrounding the removal of the children was told.

Orkney's social work director, Paul Lee, also told the enquiry that one of the children, a boy aged 15, was housed with juvenile offenders. The hearing was also told that two sisters were kept in a deprived urban area of Strathclyde with a single foster parent. A social work co-ordinator had also tried to separate them "for their own good".

Mr Lee was read the text of two letters from two of the children to their parents. The letters were not delivered until May 21, two months after they were allowed home. Parts of the letters read: "Dear Mummy and Daddy, I miss you a lot. I wish I was at home. I wish I could see you. Please write to me." Mr Lee said that he could think of no reason why the letters were not delivered earlier; he did not think any apology had been made to the parents involved.

The children, from four families, were taken from their homes in South Ronaldsay in dawn raids by the police and social workers in February. Mr Lee is the first witness to testify to the enquiry, chaired by Lord Clyde, in Kirkwall.

Stolen art traced by computer

By JOHN SHAW

A COMPUTER network for tracing art thefts has achieved its first success after an £80,000 raid in the City of London, it was disclosed yesterday.

Six pictures were recovered less than ten days after being stolen from a firm of international insurance brokers. It followed a joint operation by the Metropolitan police, Commercial Union insurance company and the Art Loss Register, whose international computerised art operation was launched in London in January. The pictures, including two estimated to be worth about £20,000 each, were stolen at the end of July.

The theft was logged on the Art Loss Register's computerised listings on August 14. Less than ten days later police in Holloway, north London, contacted the register to say that six pictures had been confiscated in a raid on the home of a suspect and said they were trying to identify the owners. Within two minutes the pictures were identified and the owners named. The paintings have been returned.

"We are delighted to have recovered them so fast," Ray Morley, of Commercial Union, said. "The police and the register have done a wonderful job. This shows it pays to report stolen works of art as soon as possible. The register could have identified the pictures even if they had turned up at the other end of the world."

It was the first recovery by the organisation in Britain, whose international operation is financed by leading auctioneers, art and antiques dealers and insurance companies around the world.

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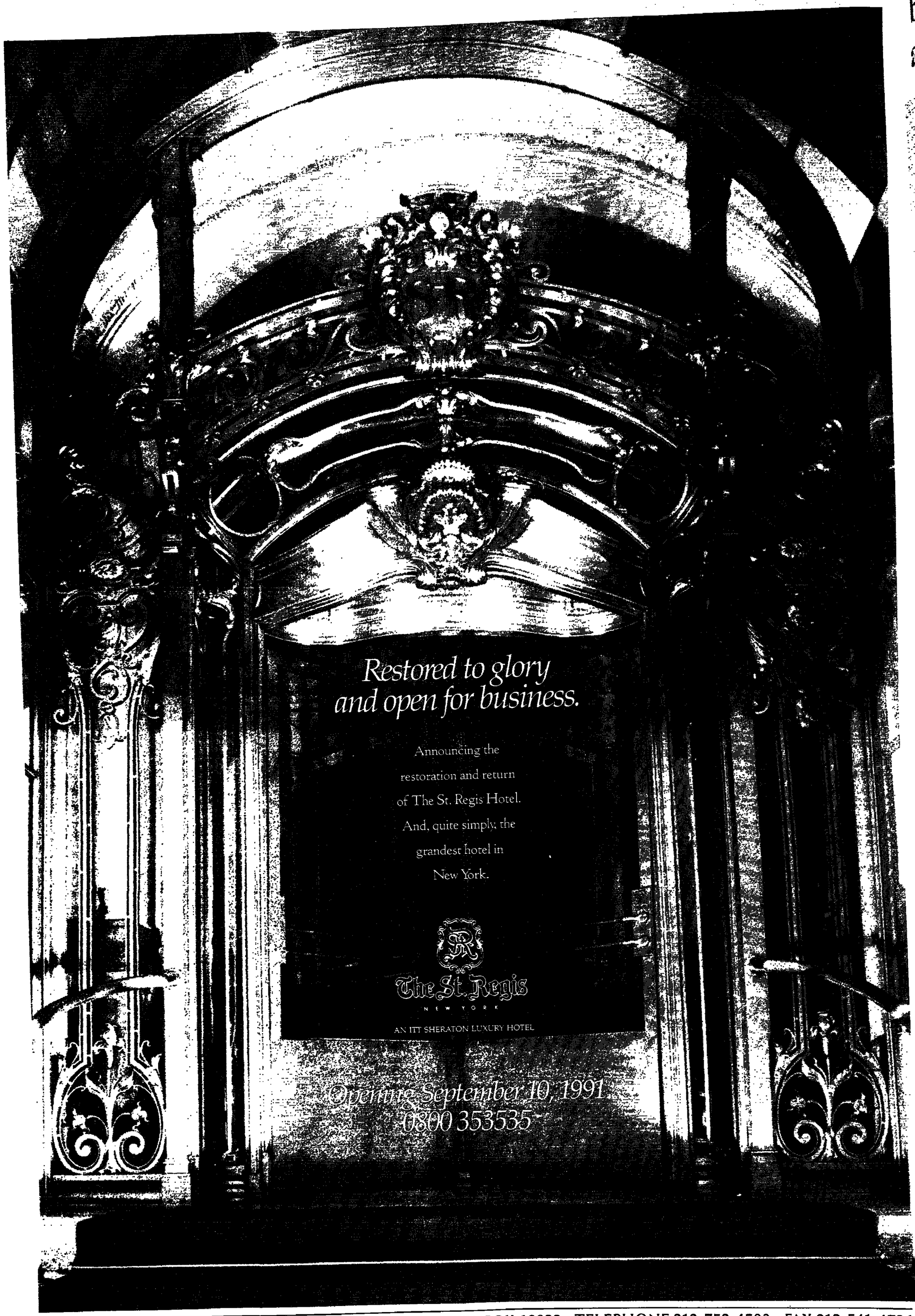
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'Clot-buster' drugs boost survival rate after heart attacks

By THOMSON PRENTICE, MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

THOUSANDS of heart attack sufferers stand a better chance of survival than a few years ago because of rapid changes in emergency treatment at British hospitals, according to the results of two surveys published today.

As a result of international clinical trials showing the effectiveness of the methods, doctors are making much more use of drugs that dissolve or prevent the formation of blood clots. More than 100,000 patients are admitted to hospitals each year with heart attacks and up to 30,000 of them die in hospital or within the succeeding months.

The trials, involving more than 60,000 patients, confirmed that thrombolytics, or "clot-buster" drugs such as streptokinase, anistreplase and t-PA reduce heart attack deaths. They also showed that aspirin and other drugs used in anti-platelet therapy, to prevent clots forming, save lives among patients at risk of a heart attack.

The British Heart Foundation set up surveys in 1987 and 1989 to assess the impact of those clinical trials on practice in hospitals, and reports the results of the surveys in this month's issue of the *British Heart Journal*. They show that only 9 per cent of physicians taking part used anti-platelet therapy as a matter of routine in 1987 but the proportion had risen to 87 per cent two years later, with only 3 per cent saying they used it rarely or never.

The routine use of clot-dissolving drugs rose from 2 per cent to 68 per cent during the same period. Whereas 53 per cent of the physicians said in 1987 that they rarely or never employed the treatment, that was true of only 3 per cent in 1989. A total of 2,160 physicians took part in the survey.

"At the time of the first survey, very few were routinely using either of these therapies, but two years later, most were using both," Desmond Julian, consultant medical director of the foundation, and co-author of the report, said yesterday.

"Perhaps never before have clinical trials had such a great impact on practice. There has been some scepticism about the influence of such trials, but it is now clear that if study results are seen to be reliable, and confer worthwhile benefits on patients, then changes in clinical practice can be substantial," Professor Julian said.

"These studies have led to their rapid and widespread adoption in the treatment of heart attacks and, consequently, to the saving of many lives each year in Britain alone."

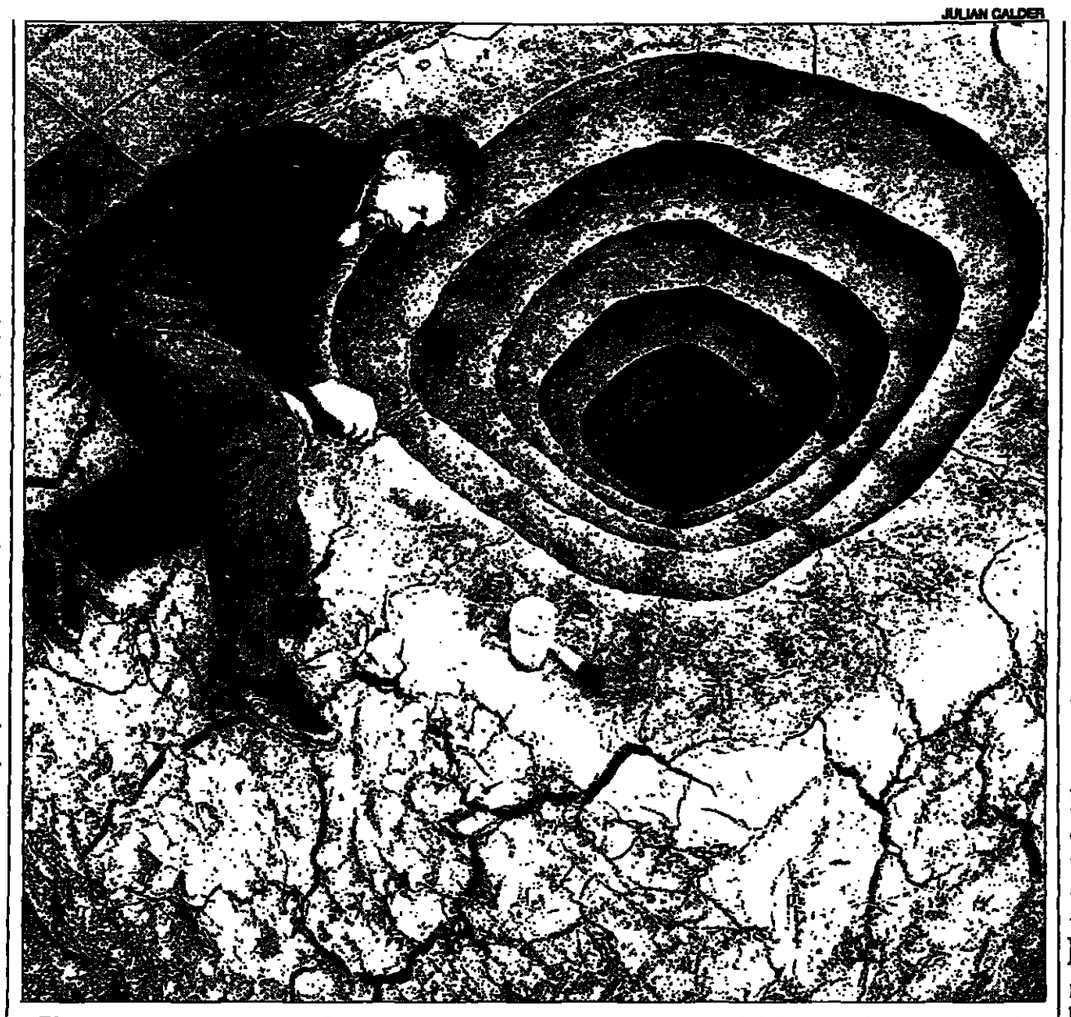
There was evidence however that some hospital doctors had been slow to adopt the treatments, he said. Evidence was produced at the European Cardiology Society's annual congress in Amsterdam last month that in some British hospitals the drugs are not given quickly enough after patients are admitted to accident and emergency departments.

Peter Sleight, professor of cardiology at the John Radcliffe hospital, Oxford, told the congress that indecision among hospital doctors over which patients should receive thrombolytics, inefficiencies in emergency departments, and administrative difficulties contributed to potentially fatal delays.

"The earlier patients are treated, the better the outcome, but many physicians are still restricting therapy only to patients seen within six hours of onset of symptoms," Professor Sleight said at the meeting.

Professor Julian said yesterday that where hospital treatments were expensive, as with thrombolytic drugs, or where there were concerns about side-effects, widespread adoption might be delayed until the benefits were "overwhelmingly clear".

JULIAN CALDER



Black hole: Andy Goldsworthy putting the final touches to the latest of his "earth sculptures", this one in the entrance lobby of the London headquarters of Greenpeace, in Islington. *Seven Holes*, made from clay, was started last April and was built in layers, with each one being allowed to crack naturally as it dried. "I want the work to touch the nature upon which the building stands, drawing the eye deep into the ground," Mr Goldsworthy said.

'Mad cow' cases start to dwindle

By MICHAEL HORNSBY
AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

THE number of cases of "mad cow" disease should start to decline rapidly next year and dwindle to zero or close to it by the end of the century, Keith Meldrum, the chief veterinary officer, said yesterday.

Mr Meldrum told a conference in London that the evidence pointed increasingly to contaminated feed as the chief cause of the outbreak of the disease, bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE), in which case "over 80 per cent of the animals from which beef is produced" would not have been exposed to infection. Although there was evidence that BSE might be transmitted from infected cows to their calves, that was unlikely to occur often enough to be an important factor.

In March the ministry announced the first case of BSE in a calf born since the feed ban came into effect. Mr Meldrum said that three more cases of this kind were being investigated.

Company fined over botulism outbreak

A COMPANY which sold hazelnut puree, causing Britain's biggest botulism food poisoning outbreak, was fined £3,000 yesterday. One woman died in the outbreak, which affected 27 people.

Young's Fruits, of Folkestone, Kent, pleaded guilty to selling the puree, which was unfit for human consumption. Preston crown court was told that tins of the puree were sold to the Lancashire firm Acorn Foods, which used it to make hazelnut yoghurt. It resulted in the botulism outbreak in June 1989 in which Annie Newton, aged 74, of Blackpool, died after suffering slurred speech, blurred vision and paralysis.

Richard Henriques QC, for the prosecution, told the court that hazelnuts provided the perfect environment for the botulism organism to grow and Young's did not have facilities to deal with the problem. Environmental health officers found a catalogue of faults at Young's premises. Those included mould growing round the entrance to the processing room, chutes leading to vats left uncovered, and dirty equipment, wall and ceilings.

The court was told that the company was now in receivership, with debts of £222,000. It once had a turnover of £1.5 million a year and employed 24 people.

Geoffrey Tattersall, for the defence, said the company assumed that, as the hazelnuts came from a reputable supplier, any bacteria would have been killed in the roasting process. "That, unhappily, is wrong," he said. "This prosecution has been overtaken by events. The company has paid the ultimate price already."

A similar charge against Christopher Young, the company's former managing director, was ordered to lie on the file.

Electronic alert to aid river safety

By MICHAEL DYNES
TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

A NEW electronic navigational system to improve the safety of vessels passing under Thames bridges should be operational by end of the year.

The £450,000 system will help to eliminate accidents involving vessels, such as the collision between the dredger Bowbelle and the pleasure cruiser Marchioness in August 1989, in which 51 people died.

Installation of the British-made equipment is under way on five railway bridges over the Thames: at Cannon Street, Fulham, Battersea, Blackfriars and Victoria. Trials of the new electronic system are expected to begin next month.

When complete, all 18 bridges on the navigable section of the Thames will have a single white light on either side of the main arch. Large vessels will be fitted with a transponder which will activate the white lights, effectively telling all other vessels to give way.

Nigel Hudson, managing director of Stonefield Systems, the Sussex-based electronics company which designed the new equipment, said that the technology "is designed purely as a warning to pleasure boats that they are not allowed to use the central arch when the white light is flashing".

The navigational system will provide the Port of London Authority's control centre at the Thames barrier with a display panel, enabling port officials to monitor the progress of large vessels.

The electronic equipment can also detect pleasure craft which fail to comply with the new rules. Their captains could face a fine of up to £1,000 or lose their licence to navigate the river, the authority said.

Albert keeps tourists waiting

By LOUISE HIDALGO

FOR the second consecutive summer, visitors to the flamboyant Gothic-revival edifice constructed in memory of Prince Albert have had to content themselves with a view of plastic cladding and green mesh.

The Albert Memorial, one of London's more extravagant Victorian relics, with its ornate canopy of bronze, gilt, mosaic and coloured glass, was first shrouded by the world's largest free-standing scaffold in May last year. Sixteen months later, repairs to the 170ft structure overlooking Kensington Gardens have yet to begin.

A £1.4 million two-year investigation into how much damage rain, wind and pollution have caused to Queen Victoria's tribute to her consort since it was unveiled in 1872 has just been completed. A report and estimate of the cost of repairs is being sent to the environment secretary.

His approval for restoration is not expected for a further two months and it is likely to be September next year before work begins, according to Corinne Bennett, of Purcell Miller Tritton, the architects who led the survey. It will be a further three years at least before the memorial is opened again.

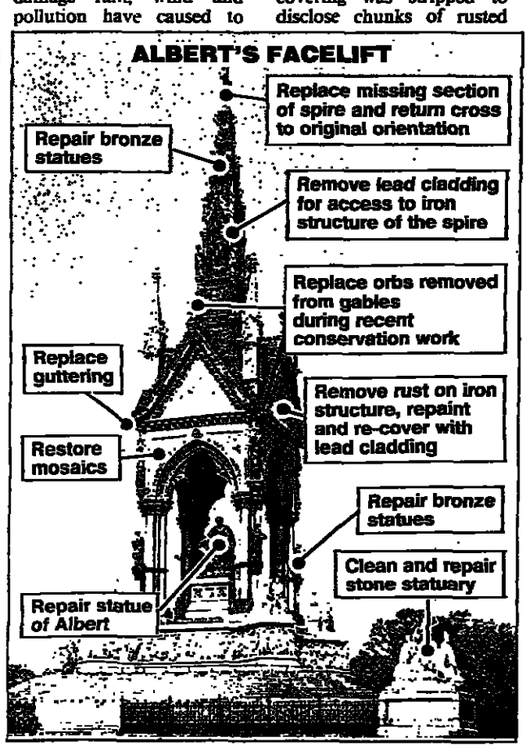
During the investigation a fifth of the monument's heavily ornamented lead covering was stripped to disclose chunks of rusted and bubbling iron core. Ms Bennett says that the worst damage is in the monument's upper reaches, around the spire and roof, where rain has corroded the iron frame, buckling and, in places, splitting the lead cladding. Four large orbs and 28 bronze statues of the Christian and moral virtues, greened with age and war damage, have been removed for protection and are in storage awaiting repair.

There is also extensive cleaning to be done on the 210ft marble frieze, with its 169 sculpted thinkers and artists, above which a pensive Prince Albert sits among scaffolding planks. About 400 pieces of coloured glass, which dot the monument's lead casing, have to be replaced. Beyond the 10ft-high hoarding that surrounds the site, wrought iron gates lie covered by tarpaulins ready to be cleaned.

Unofficial estimates put the cost of the project at up to £7 million. The environment department has promised to meet the full cost of restoration but will not confirm the figure until the report is delivered.

Concern about the state of the monument came after the leaking of an engineers' report in 1985 on its condition. The report, suggesting that it was at risk of collapse within a few years, was found later to have been exaggerated. In answer to criticism over the time taken to begin restoration, the environment department said: "It has been a very thorough investigation by a large team of specialists".

Teresa Sladden, a member of the Victorian Society, said: "The work is being done step by step, partly because of funding and partly because of the scope of the work. We are confident it is being dealt with in a pragmatic way."



Multiple rapist jailed for 20 years

By PETER VICTOR

A MULTIPLE rapist who terrorised women in London was jailed for 20 years at the Central Criminal Court yesterday. Ian Smith, aged 32, called the Night Creeper by detectives, broke into terraced houses in Woolwich and Charlton, southeast London, and threatened his victims with knives or said he would harm their children.

Smith, of Hackney, east London, was charged with sexual attacks on eight women and robbing two others. He was found guilty of three rapes and admitted one burglary and one robbery in a series of separate trials. He dismissed his counsel and defended himself in two rape trials. One victim collapsed in the witness box as he questioned her about her ordeal.



Smith: threatened to hurt his victims' children

After receiving guilty verdicts in three rape trials, the prosecution decided not go ahead with the others. Judge Laughland ordered the charges to lie on the file.

Detective Sergeant Bernard Page said Smith progressed to rape after a string of convictions for breaking into and burgling homes. He carried out the first rape in February 1988 when he broke into the bedroom of a single mother. When her son, aged seven, came into the room, he forced the woman to say he was a "friend of mummy's". He threatened to hurt the boy and his sisters unless she submitted to sexual intercourse, and boasted afterwards: "I get what I want."

Councils cut back on student grants

By DAVID TYTLER, EDUCATION EDITOR

STUDENTS seeking grants from their local authorities to continue their education or training are being turned away by councils that say they no longer have the money because of government cuts.

School leavers wanting basic training, or seeking specialised courses in drama and dance, and highly qualified graduates who need full-time professional training in law, accountancy and architecture, are being told that local education grants they might have expected last year are no longer available.

Private colleges specialising in the performing arts, complementary medicine and the professions are all being affected by the lack of local funds, as are further education colleges offering basic courses in language and personal skills aimed at preparing teenagers for more advanced academic and vocational courses.

This year's figures are not available but Chris Adamson, chairman of the Association of London Authorities, echoed the general view when he said that many authorities had stopped or reduced discretionary grants.

"I am extremely concerned that at a time when the government is saying that we should increase the numbers of students staying on at school we are turning away those people who without local authority support will not be able to go on to college. They will be forced either to stick with unemployment or go into a low-pay job and the skills that they would have learnt at college, and which the country needs, will be lost," he said.

Discretionary grants are paid to students falling outside the mandatory system which is open only to students who have not previously studied for a degree, have ordinarily lived in the country for three years and are embarking on a degree course or its equivalent. Mandatory grants are not paid to students going to private colleges.

Grants from local authorities are paid out of their education grants and are used to cover courses at further education and private colleges. Last year local authorities paid £235 million in discretionary grants compared with the £1.2 billion for mandatory grants from the government.

Mr Adamson is also chairman of Islington education committee, which has frozen its grants at the 1990-1 figure of £1.6 million. "Last year we were able to meet the need, but now the squeeze is on us, particularly as other authorities are cutting back and people are coming to us," he said.

The education department said it was up to local authorities to decide how they would spend education money and that the number of discretionary grants available had always varied from authority to authority.

Discretionary grants 1985-91

	£m
1985-6	152
1986-7	170
1987-8	187
1988-9	188
1989-90	215
1990-1	235

Battle of chimneys stirs Constable country

By JOHN YOUNG

THE view from East Bergholt across the Vale of Dedham on the border of Suffolk and Essex, forever associated with the painter John Constable, might soon have a new addition in the form of the twin 200ft chimneys of a proposed power station.

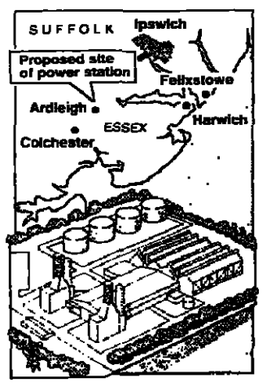
Objectors have asked Michael Heseltine, the environment secretary, to call a public enquiry into the plan by Eastern Electricity to build a 380-megawatt gas turbine generating station near Ardleigh in Essex. The site is occupied now by a sub-station but lies in otherwise peaceful and unspoiled countryside.

The dispute has wide implications in that it is a direct result of the government's decision to allow the privatised electricity companies to build their own generating facilities in competition with National Power and PowerGen. Objectors say any other industrial plant on such a site would be rejected, but that the electricity companies can use their powers of deemed consent to override normal planning procedures.

So far, about 30 gas turbine plants have been approved across the country. Eastern Electricity, which has been allocated 1,000 megawatts of generating capacity, is proceeding with two less controversial joint ventures with Hawker Siddeley at Peterborough, and with Mobil Oil at Coryton on the Thames Estuary. They are both in designated industrial areas, whereas the proposed Ardleigh station is surrounded by grade one farmland.

The plant, it is claimed, would be a visual intrusion for miles across the flat landscape and a source of pollution with a potentially damaging effect on crops. Residents dispute the company's claims that the plant will be environmentally friendly with no important emissions and that its visual impact will be minimised by sensitive landscaping. They say the narrow country lanes are unsuited to heavy construction traffic.

The residents are represented by two well-informed advocates, both retired army officers and both former secretaries of the Electricity Consultative Council's eastern area. David Mackay, a former lieutenant-colonel in the Royal Engineers, spokesman for the local action group, said: "A recent report by the Oxford Economic Research Group suggests that if all the proposed new power stations were given the go-ahead, capacity would exceed demand by more than 50 per cent." Even if regional need were proved, he added, a far more suitable site, occupied by a disused power station at Cliff Quay in Ipswich, was available.



Brigadier Maurice Mac-William, of the Dedham Vale Preservation Society and the Council for the Protection of Rural England, says: "This is an exercise designed not to give consumers cheaper electricity but purely to benefit shareholders."

Gordon Hurst, Eastern Electricity's generation manager, says that the company wants to put power stations where demand is greatest. Previously they were mainly located near sources of energy such as coalfields. But that necessitated building huge long-distance power lines.

The present sub-station at Ardleigh is in the centre of a distribution network, he points out. The alternative would be to build a new spur line to serve a much larger sub-station on the same site. The proposed generating station "provides the best solution to meeting the demand for electricity with the least possible environmental damage".

The suggested alternative site in Ipswich is occupied by a disused coal-fired station and would take years to clear. "Also it is owned by our competitor, National Power, and there is no chance they would sell it to us."

Police act on home violence

More than three-quarters of the 43 police forces in England and Wales over the past year have improved the way they handle domestic violence cases, while all now have clearly defined policies towards such assaults, the Home Office said yesterday.

Forces have set up telephone helplines for victims, established computerised registers of violent households and strengthened contacts with women's refuges. "The police have taken great strides in recent years in tackling this problem and the pace of improvement has quickened even more over the past year," John Patten, Home Office minister of state, said.

Cadbury fined

The chocolate manufacturer Cadbury was fined £100 yesterday after a court was told that a needle was found inside a Double Decker bar. The company, of Bournville, Birmingham, admitted selling food not of the quality demanded and was ordered to pay £134.44 costs.

Man remanded

Jason Wood, aged 20, of no fixed address, who is charged with the attempted murder of a police constable, Simon Jessop, aged 26, was remanded in custody by Leeds magistrates until Thursday. No application for bail was made and reporting restrictions were not lifted.

PC bailed

Constantine Spiteri, aged 38, a police constable from Wolverhampton, was bailed yesterday after being charged with stealing £11,500 from the police station social club of which he was treasurer.

Helping police

Nearly 700 offenders in Wiltshire are being sent a questionnaire asking them what they think of local crime-busting techniques. The aim is to get their opinions on how the force could be better run.

Joyrider lessons

Joyriders and drink-drivers will be taught driving skills and vehicle maintenance as part of a community service project being set up by probation officers in Somerset.

330 years late

Rachel Askham, of Gosport, Hampshire, has received a letter post-marked 1661. A Post Office spokesman blamed a franking error. "It got through eventually, but the horse must have died on the way," he said.

Grandad's army

Sidney Lewis, aged 72, has been sent army call-up papers, more than 30 years after being demobbed. "The army's barmy. I can barely walk 100 yards, let alone fight for queen and country," Mr Lewis, of Morpeth, Northumberland, said.

Field vacuumed

A field near Bath is being swept with a huge vacuum-harvester to pick up the seeds of rare flowers and grasses before bulldozers move in to start work on an underground reservoir.

Winter retreat

Forestry Commission rangers in North Yorkshire have built a winter hideaway, called a hibernaculum, for bats in Dalby Forest, near Pickering. It consists of two underground chambers linked by a large entrance tunnel.

TEMPORARY WORK SCHEME

Warnings ignored in vote to boycott ministry plans

By PHILIP BASSETT AND ROSS TIEMAN

TRADE unions yesterday decided to boycott the government's new temporary work scheme for the long-term unemployed in a move that union leaders said would render the scheme, due to start running next month, virtually inoperable.

The move by the annual conference of the Trades Union Congress in Glasgow came in spite of warnings from the Labour party against a boycott, and prompted sharp criticism of the unions by the government.

The TUC decision, which was carried with overwhelming support, with only the AEU engineering workers' union opposing the move, could have a significant impact on the scheme, which aims to provide temporary work for about 30,000 people at a cost of about £180 million this year.

Though union involvement in the scheme is not large, the unions could influence against it local employer-led Training and Enterprise Councils, which will run the scheme, and more importantly, Labour local authorities who the government had expected to be among the scheme's principal clients.

A similar boycott three years ago by the TUC against the government's Employment Training (ET) scheme damaged its success and was a factor in reducing the number of trainees joining the scheme to well below the level the government had expected. The boycott led to the government taking the unions off the Manpower Services Commission, which ran the ET scheme, and to its subsequent scrapping of the commission.



Prosser: "A lousy exploitative scheme"

Labour opposes the new temporary work scheme, called Employment Action. Even so, Labour leaders tried to head off the boycott at the last minute because of the danger that the government would use the boycott as evidence of the unions hitting the unemployed.

Tony Blair, Labour's employment spokesman, said: "We have criticised the scheme heavily indeed but I don't think it's a good idea to say you are not co-operating with the scheme." Some union officials insisted that Labour leaders had tried to bring pressure on the local government union Nalgo, which is leading the opposition to the scheme, to ease its proposed non-co-operation.

However, there was no evidence of any moderation in the union's criticism of the scheme from Alan Jinkinson, Nalgo's general secretary, who told the TUC that Employment Action was "cruel, cynical, stoneyhearted, skinflint opportunism". Nobody outside government had a good word for the scheme, he said. A boycott would "kill off this disgraceful scheme before Michael Howard [employment secretary] has even launched it".

Mr Howard will next week launch a £2.35 million advertising programme for the scheme, based around the slogan "Just the Job". He said the boycott decision showed the TUC turning its back on the unemployed.

Margaret Prosser, of the TGWU transport union, told the congress that Employment Action was "a lousy exploitative scheme with one aim in view; to disguise the spiralling unemployment figures as we approach a general election." But Bill Jordan, president of the AEU, said: "Let us not talk of boycotting any scheme, whatever our reservations, that the unemployed might believe offers them a glimmer of hope."



FRANK BRADFORD

Talking time: Brenda Dean, general secretary of the print union Sogat '82, addressing the TUC conference yesterday

DISPUTES

Labour warns against strikes

By NICHOLAS WOOD
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Labour leadership yesterday warned public sector trade unions against a wave of politically damaging strikes in the run-up to the next election.

Delegates were told that they must find alternatives to the strike weapon and to alienating the public in their campaigns to extend workers' rights and improve pay and conditions. The message, central to Neil Kinnock's hopes of winning the next election, was delivered by Tom Sawyer, the Labour party chairman and an architect of the policy review that turned its back on much of the militancy of the 1980s.

Mr Sawyer, deputy general secretary of the public employees' union Nupe, held up the conduct of his own union during the ambulancemen's dispute last year as a way of winning without resorting to an all-out strike. Public support should be mobilised behind a claim not jeopardised by withdrawing vital services.

"You want rights for union members who look for new ways of going forward like those ambulance workers last year, where we saw a group of public service workers win their dispute by keeping the public on side and providing a service, instead of alienating the public and withdrawing a service. You want rights for a movement that doesn't say: 'We closed your hospital because we wanted to improve patient care ... we closed your local school because we wanted to improve your children's education'."

Mr Sawyer spoke of a "shared vision" between Labour and the unions intended to create a new solidarity reaching out beyond the movement to a wider audience of parents, patients and other groups.

He branded Michael Howard, the employment secretary, the "minister for poverty pay", suggesting Mr Howard was alone in believing that the economy would collapse if hairdressers and home-helps were paid the far from outrageous sum of £3.40 an hour.

Norman Willis, TUC general secretary, firmly embraced profitable companies as a goal for unions, and urged unions to say so openly. He said: "We know that we want profitable successful firms; we have (most of us) contributed massively to that. Yet how often do we say so? Strangely, not enough — although our members would see little point in joining a union that believes anything else."

HOWARD ONSLAUGHT

'Compliant' Opposition attacked

By NICHOLAS WOOD

MINISTERS latched on to the opening of the TUC conference yesterday to argue that Labour remains the prisoner of the unions and would plunge the country into renewed industrial strife if the party regained power.

With the latest opinion poll raising again the possibility of an autumn election, the two main parties fought over territory that the Conservatives believe offers them one of their best hopes of repelling the Opposition's advance.

Michael Howard, the employment secretary, argued at a press conference in London that the "union bootprint" was to be found on every aspect of Labour policy.

Tony Blair, Labour's chief employment spokesman, replied that Mr Howard's attacks were "only underlining the extent of his failure over rising unemployment and Britain's skills crisis".

EUROPEAN LINKS

Big step towards works councils

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE TUC took an historic step for trade unions in Britain yesterday by embracing fully European-style social partnership, including examining works councils as a means of representing employees.

British unions have traditionally been hostile towards German-style works councils, fearing that employers would use them as a substitute for recognising unions as representing and bargaining for employees.

The unanimous decision of the TUC conference yesterday to swing unions in Britain fully behind Europe marks a significant shift in attitudes towards Europe within organised labour in the UK, in line with the much greater pro-Europeanism of the Labour party.

Labour leaders were delighted with the TUC's decision. Tony Blair, shadow employment secretary, said that such a move would have been unthinkable by the TUC a decade ago and clearly demonstrated the unions' commitment to the future, and to new ways of operating.

John Edmonds, general secretary of the GMB general union, said this was the moment for unions "to signal the end of the cold war in the workplace" by embracing Europe's practices and institutions of social partnership.

In 1988, when Jacques Delors, EC president, addressed the TUC, the unions took the symbolic decision to accept Europe. Now they had the chance to make the next leap forward by embracing European-style social partnership, Mr Edmonds said. Under legislation flowing from Brussels, little of the UK's adversarial system of employee relations would eventually be left. "We are given a straight choice. Either we opt in or British workers are left out," he added.

Mr Edmonds attacked the government's opposition to Europe and the concentration by some British unions on replaying old battles over employment law, which will be fought again at the TUC today.

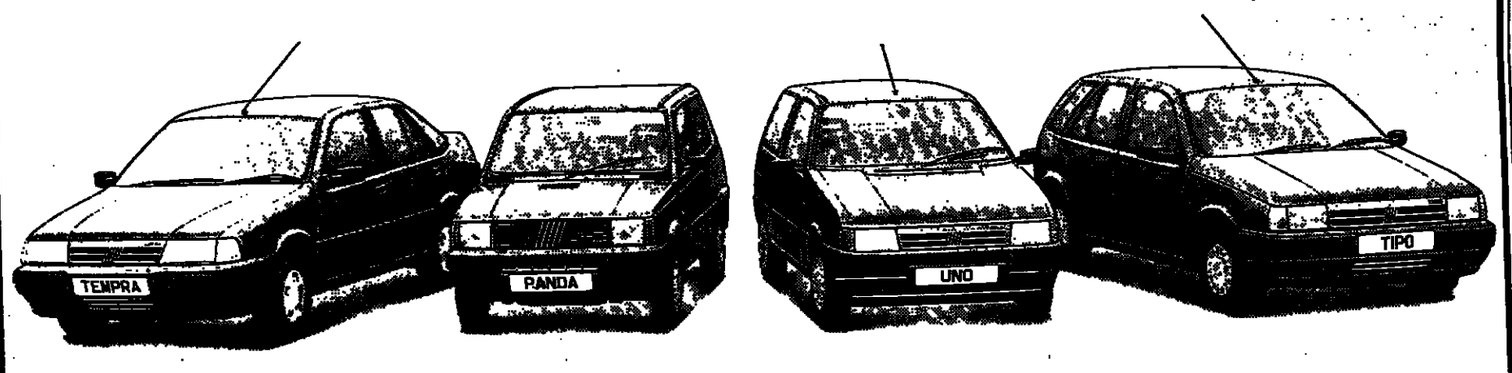
Referring to the employment secretary, Mr Edmonds said: "Michael Howard ought to change his sense of priorities — and so should some of us, because Britain's membership of the European Community will have a far greater impact on British labour law than the 'action-replay' debate which we are staging for his delight."

European-style works councils will be set up and will spread, with or without union involvement, the MSF general technical union told the conference.

Barbara Switzer, MSF deputy general secretary, said that while the extension of collective rights for working people would best be done by extending collective bargaining, unions had to find ways of co-operating with works councils to secure the maximum possible influence on them.

Bill Jordan, chairman of the TUC's Europe committee, said that although the issue of the future of Europe had proved divisive for the government and contributed to the fall of Margaret Thatcher, the unions had maintained their "unity and sense of purpose" over it.

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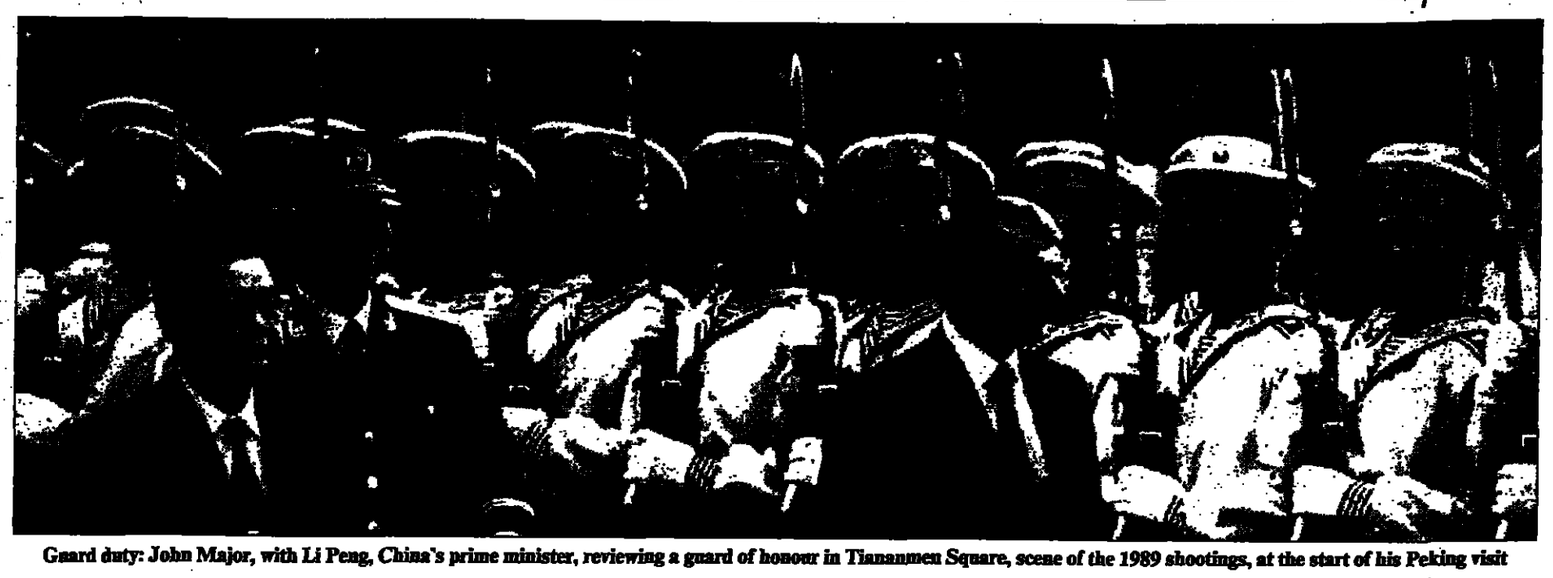
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Leaders to sign Hong Kong airport deal against backdrop of political and social insecurity

Major to press Li Peng on human rights

David Watts in London and Catherine Sampson in Peking look at the issues behind the prime minister's controversial visit



Guard duty: John Major, with Li Peng, China's prime minister, reviewing a guard of honour in Tiananmen Square, scene of the 1989 shootings, at the start of his Peking visit

JOHN Major will discuss human rights with Chinese leaders today against a backdrop of political arrests and trials linked to the Tiananmen Square revolt still running at the rate of hundreds a month.

Even before the events in Moscow, there was no sign that the Chinese leadership had eased its campaign against its perceived enemies. There are reports that purges in the army and party continue, while workers still pay the heaviest price for their opposition to the government and intellectuals and students receive relatively lenient treatment.

Thousands remain in detention while 960 death sentences were passed last year and a further 180 in the first two months of this year. A spokesman for Amnesty International said: "The general picture is bad. Apart from the long-term prisoners of conscience, administrative detention is on the increase and the police are using their powers more strenuously over the last two years."

Mr Major has promised to pursue the human rights question as far as he can without compromising his relationship with Peking. He also said that he would raise the situation in Tibet, where massive violations of human rights continue and, specifically, the cases of Wang Juntao and Chen Ziming, two intellectuals accused of having masterminded the uprising. The Chinese now say have ended the pair hunger strike in protest at their prison conditions.

Li Peng's warning to Toshiki Kaifu, the Japanese prime minister, that China would not yield to outside pressure, appeared to warn off visitors bearing advice but the gesture of allowing Mr Wang to have medical treatment may not solely be aimed at defusing Mr Major but an indirect recognition of China's shrinking circle of powerful friends.

But there are other hints that the Chinese recognize the need to accommodate Western concerns over human rights: Amnesty says that those detainees who get more exposure in the West tend to be treated more leniently by the authorities.

After Douglas Hurd's April visit to Peking in which he raised a list of names not dissimilar to Mr Major's, the Chinese government made an unprecedented request for more information about their own cases. Subsequently one prisoner, Zhang Xuguang, was freed and Han Dong Fang a factory worker was released from detention.

Mr Han appears to have been freed partly because of ill health and he may well be detained again once he is better but the two men nevertheless figured on Mr Hurd's list.

Mr Major will rely on the British ambassador, Sir Robin McLaren, for guidance on the handling of the human rights issue and whether he will make specific reference to the 20 names on his present list. They encompass not only detainees and prisoners from Peking but factory workers from the north-east one of whom, Tang Yuan Juan, has been given 20 years for organizing work study groups, the longest sentence for a Tiananmen-related incident.Mr Wang and Mr Chen, who were both sentenced in February, had trials typical of the Chinese legal system. Notice of trial is short and the choice of defence lawyers limited.

Lawyers for the two men were given only four days to read through nearly 3,000 pages of prosecution evidence. Defence statements are approved by the authorities in advance. In their case the verdict was not announced in advance of the hearing of evidence as has been the case with some defendants but it came only an hour after the conclusion of the case.

It was reported to be based on a 3,000-word summary of evidence which could have been only prepared before the conclusion of the hearing. Chinese defence lawyers are not supposed to seek the acquittal of their clients, their brief being merely to mitigate. As a result the lawyers who launched an appeal on behalf of the two men subsequently had their licences revoked.

Today, the two prime ministers will perform the ostensible main object of the visit when they sign the Hong Kong airport agreement. Both will know that they are putting their names to something far more momentous than a a deal for a construction project. Both China and Britain see the agreement as almost as important as the joint declaration of 1984, in which Britain said it would hand back Hong Kong to China in 1997.

The agreement, which is ostesibly about airport runways, in fact gives Peking a substantial say in decision-making in Hong Kong in the next six years and weakens Britain's voice in the colony. Under its terms, Peking has a veto on Hong Kong government borrowing over HK$5 billion, and is assured that there will be HK$25 billion left in the colony's reserves in 1997. More important than the financial gains, China has established the principle that it must be consulted by the Hong Kong government on all matters which might have implications after 1997.

Mr Major, unwilling to abandon the airport project and in need of China's approval in order to attract investors, has welcomed the agreement. China has secured exactly what it always wanted — increased influence in Hong Kong — and has won a visit by Mr Major into the bargain.

If Chinese leaders are rejoicing, however, they have kept quiet about it. Mr Li said simply last weekend that the joint declaration and the airport agreement ensure continued prosperity for Hong Kong and a smooth transfer of power.

To Britain, the expensive airport project was a symbol of confidence in Hong Kong's future prosperity.

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Thatcher sees great Chinese potential

Tokyo — Margaret Thatcher said here yesterday that China would become an economic power to astonish the world and that economic success would bring democracy. She told an audience of more than 2,000 businessmen that Japan, as the foremost political democracy in Asia, had a key role to play in helping China to achieve this transition.

"As can be seen across the Pacific from Hong Kong to San Francisco, the Chinese are very enterprising who, with good government, will display their talent and industry," she said. Despite the military suppression in Tiananmen Square in 1989, she added, China had vigorously continued economic reforms that had enabled people to raise their standards of living. *(Reuter)*

Strict discipline

Tokyo — Yoshitaka Makishima has been arrested here for allegedly strangling his grandson for being disobedient to his parents. He reportedly killed the boy, aged seven, in front of their ancestors' grave. He told Tokyo police that the child "wouldn't listen to his mother and father and threw things". *(Reuter)*.

Poll accusation

Hong Kong — Martin Lee, a leading politician of the United Democrats of Hong Kong, has accused China of interfering in this month's first direct elections for the colony's legislature. Too few local leaders dared to stand up to China, he said, adding that Peking had tried to influence voters. *(Reuter)*

China's debt

Peking — China's foreign debt rose by 27 per cent in 1990 to $52.55 billion (£31.46 billion) the government said, but maintained it was not dangerously high. However, exports in the first eight months of 1991 earned a record $35.54 billion, up 17 per cent from the same period in 1990, with imports far behind. *(AP)*

Creepy cuisine

Peking — Take one cockroach, marinate in wine for a day, fry in beef fat and smother with chocolate — delicious. The *Yangcheng Daily* newspaper claims cockroach cuisine is more nutritious than beef and can include fried cockroach, cockroach-studded pancakes or a simple cockroach potridge. *(Reuter)*

Fax of life

Seoul — Police are seeking arrest warrants for a gang of South Korean women pimps who used fax machines to target male customers. The women used the machines to gather information on Japanese tourists in hotels here before contacting potential customers, a police official said. *(Reuter)*

World bankers protected from Bangkok reality

From Neil Kelly in Bangkok

WHETHER they want it or not, 15,000 of the world's leading financial experts will be carefully insulated from the sleazy sex life of Bangkok when they arrive for the annual conference of the World Bank and International Monetary Fund next month.

The authorities will try to protect them from the appalling slums, chaotic traffic, the alarming spread of Aids and the notorious nightlife.It will be the biggest and grandest conference ever held in Thailand. Presided over by King Bhumibol, it is costing £100 million, more than half of which will be for a new convention centre which the Thais say will enable them to challenge London as the foremost venue for international conventions and exhibitions. The Queen Sirikit Convention Centre has a conference room of 5,000 square metres.

Hundreds of dock workers will be moved from adjoining slums. Many of them will be moved out of the city before the conference, despite protests that they will be far from their workplaces and children's schools. Security experts said the slum had to go as it provided hiding places for terrorists planning attacks on the international gathering. Other officials said Thailand would be put to shame if bankers had to look out on slums.



Because Bangkok's traffic generally moves at less than three miles an hour, the population has been ordered to take a holiday during the conference. Thousands of car and bus drivers are being recruited but applicants must have fluent English and a degree in economics or business administration.

The government is desperately anxious to restore Thailand's image damaged by the military overthrow of the elected government last February. Not a shot was fired but there have been serious consequences. The United States has suspended all aid except funds for narcotics control until an elected government is in power and some other countries have slowed down their grant money. Foreign portfolio investment declined 70 per cent in the first half of this year, fewer foreign companies are investing and tourists are staying away in large numbers.

Anxious about further political turmoil before the conference, the government has welcomed assurances that there will be none until the bankers have gone despite growing opposition to the military's firm hold on power. Observers say the impending conference is the only thing stopping the political situation from boiling over.

Ministers say the meeting will provide a chance to convince world leaders that Thailand is stable, safe and a profitable place for foreign investors, but the scale of security arrangements indicates nervousness. One police officer will be assigned to every two participants and their families. Some will be soldiers in police uniforms but they will carry only hand guns. "Rifles and automatic weapons are out," said a security official. "We don't want the sight of armed troops to cause alarm."

A watch is being kept on "greenies" who plan to demonstrate against the World Bank for its financing of projects unfriendly to the environment. Their attention is focused on a new hydroelectric dam in northeast Thailand where construction has just begun despite local and international protests. Environmentalists say the World Bank has never received adequate reports about the impact on local communities, wildlife and the environment in general. Journalists recently taken to the site by the Wildlife Fund of Thailand and human rights groups were kept under strict surveillance by police and local officials.

Special Branch police will monitor all outgoing news reports from the World Bank meeting so that "errors" may be quickly corrected. According to a Bangkok newspaper "the Special Branch have been ordered to apply maximum caution to journalists and their reports. Members of the press corps entering and leaving their hotel will be thoroughly inspected".

The monitors will be on the lookout for "negative" reports which may tarnish Thailand's image. The authorities want to keep all the visitors away from national problems like child labour and prostitution. The government will put on special programmes of traditional song and dance to draw delegates away from those attractions which have given Bangkok such notoriety.

But the competition will be formidable. One of the pioneers of the sex industry will mark the occasion by opening her own "bank". She said the "feeling bank" was for lonely men among the visiting bankers. She was establishing it to improve Thailand's image as many existing places of entertainment were not up to standard.

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Congress gathers amid a growing sense of its mortality

With communism gone, the people's congress can no longer hold together the many different Soviet peoples, Bruce Clark writes

NOT since African chiefs and Indian princes paraded for Queen Victoria's jubilee in London can anyone have dreamt up such a magnificent pageant of empire.

Conceived two years ago as a ground-breaking exercise in semi-democracy, the Congress of People's Deputies never quite worked as that: it was too large, with 2,250 members, and too dominated by what became known as its "aggressively passive" majority. But it has always worked brilliantly as spectacle, almost sustaining the illusion of a happy Soviet family coming amicably together to hammer out new modes of co-existence on the Eurasian expanse that accounts for one-sixth of the Earth's land area.

There are gorgeously robed prelates of Russian Orthodoxy and Islam; generals and admirals bedecked with medals. Journalists and self-consciously bohemian writers mingle with sharp-suited lawyers and bureaucrats. Lone representatives of obscure and threatened peoples native to the Siberian Arctic eye Ukrainian milkmaids, Shamanist fortune-tellers and earnest professors from Estonia.

More vividly than any history book or atlas, the faces tell the story of how a single state can straddle two continents. Some are classically Nordic, some pure Mongolian; others illustrate every gradation between.

But for all the magnificence of the show, one never had to be a Kipling to sense the mortality of this empire. From the moment that a few chinks of democratic light were allowed to penetrate the imperial chamber, it became ever harder to sustain the illusion that all these folk had been brought together not by force of Russian arms but through voluntary adherence to one ideology.

And, at the fifth and probably final, session of this odd festival of empire, the sense of a family reunion has perceptibly weakened. From the Arctic Circle to Transcaucasia, people are visibly reverting to the obstinate, spiky diversity from which they came.

The conceit by which Finns and Afghans, Romanians and Mongolians were forced to sport the same regalia, practise the same rituals and worship the same ideological gods is no longer sustainable. For unlike the other superpower, which is ethnically more diverse but culturally more homogenous, this imperium has been sustained by faith and coercion almost alone.

Take away communism and the KGB, and there is nothing so homely as a taste for hamburgers, or Walt Disney, or baseball to keep the family together. A few rattle-trap brands of car, one of the nastiest airlines in the world and a devaluing currency will not do.

From the start, the Balts have used the congress to denounce the annexation of their countries and demand its reversal. Having boycotted most of the previous sessions, they have returned now as observers, stubbornly refusing to don their deputies' badges so as to drive home the point that they regard the Soviet Union as a foreign country.

With a passion that is only half-concealed by their northern phlegm, the Baltic deputies are hoping that they will never again have to walk through the Trinity Gate to the Kremlin as subjects of the "oriental power" that conquered and killed, or exiled them to Siberia. The envoys of Central Asia's pollution-blighted deserts and over-fertilised cotton fields, representatives of tough and often venal local elites, are also busy renouncing communism. They do not convince many people that they are about to become adherents of John Stuart Mill.



Telling time: Mr Yeltsin and President Gorbachev at the Congress of People's Deputies yesterday

Many will have been taken aback by the display of Russian imperialism of a rather new kind that greeted them. Spread across the walls of the conference hall is a dazzling exhibition of photographs that portray, in gory detail, the entire story of the Yeltsin government's resistance to last month's attempted coup.

As Uzbek and Turkoman will not be slow to observe, Russia — that nation of compulsive crusaders which proclaimed itself the only true interpreter first of Christianity and then of communism — has found a fresh moral purpose, as leader of the new cause: anti-communism. Whatever the central Asians think, they will keep it to themselves.

MAN IN THE NEWS

Central Asian power broker emerges as key Gorbachev ally

From Bruce Clark
in Moscow

President Gorbachev yesterday staged a constitutional coup against hardliners in the Soviet parliament to prevent the union disintegrating, and Nursultan Nazarbayev, a shrewd and tough Central Asian power broker, emerged as his key ally.

Mr Nazarbayev, aged 51, had appeared to be little more than a competent official in the tough Communist party apparatus which dominated his native Kazakhstan. But he is now emerging as the Boris Yeltsin of Central Asia, using deft manoeuvring to bring about devolution of power to the republics.

Armed with a degree in metallurgy and the ideological training of the communist Higher Party School, Mr Nazarbayev worked his way up the political machine in the Kazakh capital of Alma-Ata. The Kazakh leadership proved ready in 1985 to brutally suppress an outbreak of nationalist rioting. But the progressive loosening under Mr Gorbachev of the Kremlin's economic and ideological grip has enabled Mr Nazarbayev as president and party boss of Kazakhstan to fight skillfully for the interests of his large and potentially rich republic, and to become a significant player in the wider politics of the Soviet Union.



Nazarbayev: fighting hard for his republic

Like Mr Yeltsin, Mr Nazarbayev has been in the forefront of the campaign for increased republican power, particularly in the sphere of economics.

With a population of only 16 million, sitting on a eldorado of coal, gold, oil, gas and a host of rare strategic metals, he has everything to gain from greater control of local resources. Kazakhstan is the only Soviet region which is a net exporter of wheat; properly managed, there is no reason why it should not be as rich as Australia.

While always stopping carefully short of outright disloyalty to the Kremlin, Mr Nazarbayev has been prepared to negotiate directly with foreign multinationals on the joint exploitation of Kazakhstan's resources. Last year, he travelled to South Korea at a time when Moscow had yet to establish diplomatic relations with Seoul.

The Kazakh chief has been at least as strident as Mr Yeltsin, in his calls for the devolution of central power; but unlike the Russian leader, his approach has been to weave and negotiate rather than confront. More clearly than Mr Yeltsin, he always made it plain that he regards the signing of a Union treaty and the construction of a viable federation as a desirable and urgent goal.

Through last winter he trod a delicate course between Mr Gorbachev and Mr Yeltsin at a time when relations between the two giants of Soviet politics were deteriorating at an alarming pace. Thus he made common cause with Mr Yeltsin in putting pressure on the Soviet President by threatening to make an agreement between the top four republics that left the central authorities out. But when Mr Yeltsin said he was "declaring war" on the central powers and called for Mr Gorbachev's dismissal, Mr Nazarbayev immediately rallied to defend the leader of his party and country.

The Kazakh leader's tactical subtlety has also been superbly displayed in the handling of race relations in a republic where Kazakhs and Russians each account for about 40 per cent of the population, and 100 other ethnic groups also live.

A year ago, after an explosion at a school in Alma-Ata touched off a wave of demonstrations by pan-Turkic nationalists, he persuaded the local opposition movements to desist from public agitation in return for access to the official media. His own Kazakh nationalist credentials have been boosted by the vigour with which he has given expression to public fury over the disastrous consequences for public health of nuclear tests in the desert region of Semipalatinsk.

Mr Nazarbayev is probably the most impressive representative of the Turkic peoples who inhabit the old Soviet Union's southern underbelly; and the only one who wields such formidable influence in the Kremlin. Any new Soviet confederation will essentially be a grand compromise between a Slav majority whose population is tending to decline and a rapidly growing Turkic Muslim minority.

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Taste for learning: these Kiev girls are allowed an ice-cream to soften their first day back at school, but they will find their lessons altered by the new independence in Ukraine schools

MOLDAVIA

Breakaway region threatens energy

From Reuter in Tiraspol

THE Russian-speaking Dnestr region of Moldavia yesterday declared independence from the bulk of the republic, which is now moving towards close ties with Romania.

It also threatened to cut energy supplies to the rest of the republic from midnight if Moldavian authorities did not release their president, now held on suspicion of backing the failed coup in Moscow two weeks ago. About 5,000 people clapped and cheered as the red-green Soviet Moldavian flag with hammer and sickle was raised in the centre of Tiraspol, self-proclaimed capital of the "Dnestr Soviet Socialist Republic".

The regional parliament voted to separate from the Romanian-speaking part of the republic, which declared independence from the Soviet Union after the coup attempt. "The people of Kishinev (the Moldavian capital) have chosen their path of moving towards Romania. We wish them happiness and all the best, but ask them to recognise our independence," the vice-president, Andrei Manuilov, told the crowd.

Grigory Maracuta, the local parliamentary leader, told the cheering crowd as he raised the flag: "The Dnestr Moldavian Soviet Socialist Republic is now being proclaimed a sovereign and independent state." The crowd chanted repeatedly "Druzh-ba Narodov" (friendship of the peoples), a slogan much used by communist authorities in past decades.

EDUCATION

Back to school minus Marx

From Michael Binyon in Moscow

MILLIONS of Soviet students returned yesterday to schools and universities that are still in turmoil over the rapid changes in the curriculum and the collapse of the Communist party's authority.

Education was one area of Soviet life where Communist influence was strongest. A high proportion of teachers and lecturers are party members, and, for years, political education was an essential part of the syllabus. A portrait of Lenin hangs in every school and party influence is disseminated through the young pioneers and Komsomol organisations. Schoolchildren and students were virtually obliged to join.

The suspension of the party has left teachers and administrators confused. The popular revolt against its icons is especially strong among young people, and universities are likely to face strong pressure to remove statues and busts of Lenin, take down red flags and other party emblems and dismiss political education lecturers.

Final examinations in marxism-leninism were already abolished last year, with the history of the 20th century substituted for the history of the Communist party and the theory of modern socialism replacing "scientific communism". The Soviet government decided some two years ago to withdraw all history books and issue new ones which deal honestly with the Revolution and its consequences and give full details of Stalin's purges and repressions. These books were due to be distributed yesterday.

The books have been praised for being balanced and fair, drawing often on Western sources and views.

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THE BALTICS

Estonia banks on the kroon

From Anatol Lieven
in Tallin

PRESIDENT Bush's announcement on recognition of the Baltic states was greeted with joy here yesterday, but Baltic leaders now have to face the problems of economic independence.

Whether Estonia can fulfil its promise as the most Westernised of the former Soviet economies and avoid hyperinflation and mass unemployment is largely in the hands of Dr Rein Otsason, chairman of the Estonian State Bank. He yesterday appealed for Western help and know-how.

Dr Otsason's biggest task is the revival of the kroon, the Estonian currency. The printing of the kroon is proceeding well, which is more than can be said for the national currencies of Latvia and Lithuania, the latt and the litas. Latvia and Lithuania will almost certainly need financial aid from the West to complete the printing process.

But there are wider issues at stake. Last year the currency question gave rise to a dispute between Dr Otsason and Dr Edgar Savisaar, the Estonian prime minister. The Estonian government had made a promise that it could not fulfil by pledging to introduce the new currency by Christmas.

Dr Otsason's supporters say the government sought to put the blame for failure on the state bank. Dr Otsason attracted criticism for making statements against government policy.

The episode shows the difficulty of establishing the smooth working of new institutions in the former Soviet republics. Dr Otsason insisted that there could be no question of introducing an Estonian currency for several months. To avoid hyperinflation, he emphasised the need for the West to put a "currency instabilisation fund" in place to back the kroon before it is introduced.

This should be one of the main priorities of Western aid, he said. Many politicians in the Soviet republics, however, are bound to press for quicker action to create national currencies, especially if the rouble collapses.

Dr Otsason said that, to provide money for such a fund and other projects, the West needed to provide new credit lines, to join the few already in place from Scandinavia. The other priorities, he said, were the training in the West of Estonian bankers, managers and taxation officials and sponsorship to join the IMF.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Aid to reform food system

London — A £20 million British aid scheme will start this month to reform the food system in Kiev before the Soviet winter sets in (Sarah Gunn, Political Correspondent, writes).

The know-how fund, established to speed up reform in the emerging democracies, is expected to back the scheme drawn up by the British Food Consortium using a mix of public and private finance. Six other food aid projects for the Soviet Union have been agreed by the fund in advance of Thursday's meeting called by John Gummer, the agriculture minister, with Britain's leading food manufacturers and retailers to work out an emergency food plan.

The projects will use British experts to modernise distribution of the essentials, such as bread and vegetables, together with improving storage and marketing. A study of all stages of Moscow's bread production has been ordered, which may be extended to cover fruit, vegetables and dairy products.

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Support call

Hanoi — Vietnam marked its national day with calls to defend communism being published in *Quan Doi Nhan Dan*, the military daily, and *Nhan Dan*, the Communist party daily. "Never has socialism been faced with such great international challenges as now," according to *Quan Doi Nhan Dan*." *(AFP)*

Offer to Castro

Madrid — Manuel Fraga, head of the Galicia regional government in Spain, plans to offer President Castro asylum in Spain when he visits Cuba later this month, *ABC*, the conservative national daily reported. Galician officials would not comment on the report. Dr Castro's father was born in the region. *(AP)*

Minister's visit

London — Douglas Hogg, the Foreign Office minister, today begins the first visit to the Baltic states by a member of the British government since their annexation in 1940. Mr Hogg's first stop will be Lithuania, followed by Latvia and Estonia. He will discuss how Britain's know-how fund of £50 million is to be taken up.

Estonia deal

Copenhagen — Denmark has signed an environmental pact with Estonia, the first ministerial agreement between Copenhagen and one of the three Baltic states since their annexation by the Soviet Union. Denmark has been in the forefront of diplomatic efforts to win recognition for Baltic independence. *(AP)*

Honecker call

Bonn — Germany is to submit a formal request to the Soviet authorities for the extradition of Erich Honecker, the former East German communist leader. Herr Honecker, aged 79, is wanted in Germany on charges of complicity in the murders of 190 East Germans killed trying to escape to the West. *(AFP)*

Security pledge

Moscow — Marshal Yevgeni Shaposhnikov, the new Soviet defence minister, has drawn up a draft collective security agreement for the republics under which he would relinquish his post to a civilian, Aleksandr Rutskoi, the Russian vice-president, Mr Rutskoi said. *(AFP)*

Rural life carries on, more in tune with seasons than politics

Michael Binyon samples the simple life of a Russian peasant and finds that digging potatoes and laying gas pipes are the priorities for life in the dachas

FOR the inhabitants of the 125 brightly painted wooden houses of the somnolent village of Lepeshki, in the Russian heartland, the issue is not the coup in Moscow and its tumultuous aftermath. It is the long-delayed repair to a cracked water pipe and the chances of getting mains gas laid on.

Neither make much difference to the rhythm of life among the fields and hillocks, where geese cackle and goats roam along muddy lanes as they have for generations. The old people digging potatoes in the overgrown plots besides their dachas are resigned to a long wait. The pipe has been broken for three years. A team arrived one day from the district council, dug a big hole, fenced it off and left it.

As for the gas, the villagers have decided to bypass the council bureaucracy. Clubbing together to form a co-operative, they have contracted to instal a pipeline from the main artery carrying Siberian gas to the sprawling Moscow metropolis some 30 miles away. It will be ready in two years, they were told. Until then, they will heat their water on wood-burning boilers and light old porcelain stoves to keep warm in winter.

But at the moment the potatoes need to be lifted, berries and mushrooms gathered from the nearby woods, the grass cut and the dachas patched up. Young men, stripped to the waist, are digging and hoeing. They are mostly newcomers — Muscovites who come to Lepeshki at weekends to escape the queues, traffic and demonstrations. The permanent inhabitants are mostly elderly, left behind when their children fled the boredom and privations of rural life for the cities.

Politics seems a long way away. But the changes have found an echo. The *ispolkom* — executive political committee — that runs the region used only to transmit party decisions and turned down all requests for private enterprise. It was very difficult to get wood, cement, tools and piping to improve or rebuild family-owned dachas: bribing the local supplier to purloin state property was almost the only way. As from a year ago, the villagers can legally order from co-operatives. The party bosses rarely help individual initiative, but they do not hinder.

The coup caught Lepeshki, like all the country, unprepared. There were no meetings or protests: villagers have long memories. They tried to keep their heads down when revolution, civil war, the purges and the German invasion wracked the countryside. The same instinct surfaced a fortnight ago.

But not all kept silent. There were angry arguments between the conservatives, frightened by the spectre of inflation and anarchy, and the more enterprising who stood to lose from any abolition of the new economic freedoms. "You are all moles, burrowing in the dark," Fyodor told his neighbours. He too could not help recalling 1937, the height of the purges. But he knew that they would never return and was not intimidated.

His wife was less sure. Politics for her invariably means something bad. She had no time for Mr Gorbachev, but still was fearful for the future, and spent most of the coup watching television and crying. "I'm for [Boris] Yeltsin. He's strong. But what can he do?" The Russian president's courage and forthright manner earn him his popularity, not any perceived liberalism.

The future of villages such as Lepeshki is crucial to any economic salvation for Russia and whatever union is formed from the old Soviet Union. There is little sign yet of regeneration. A huge *Sovkhoz* state farm nearby has been trying to bring modern amenities to the region, with flats for farm workers, a clinic, sports ground, school and mains water. But Lepeshki has seen no benefit and an absurd state pricing system has hastened the decline of private farming.

Ten years ago there were 15 cows kept privately; now there is only one. Villagers find it easier to buy milk in cartons from the local shop. The remaining young people have lost the old instinct for tending the land. And their parents are suspicious of all reforms that still stop short of dismantling collective agriculture. Until they are given back the land in perpetuity, they have no incentive to improve it.

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Yugoslav conflict

Optimism runs high despite renewed fighting in Croatia

From TIM JUDAH AND DESSA TREVISAN IN BELGRADE

KIRO Gligorov, the president of Macedonia, said yesterday that he believed there would be a European Community-sponsored peace conference on Yugoslavia "within two weeks".

Mr Gligorov's optimistic assessment came after the signing early yesterday of a ceasefire agreement and a memorandum of understanding to deploy EC and other foreign officials to monitor the truce in Croatia. But, as he spoke, there were reports of continued fighting in Croatia, and fears that this latest ceasefire would also be ignored.



Croatian television reported that army planes overflew the Croatian city of Petrinja, 218 miles west of Belgrade, as a "violent attack" was launched from Yugoslav army barracks there on Croatian national guard positions and civilian targets. The attack started at noon local time, the broadcast said. The local post office was hit and telephone lines cut.

Yugoslavia's official Tanjug news agency said an army barracks on the outskirts of the town was the target of "violent grenade fire" from the city around noon. About 50 foreign and Yugoslav journalists were visiting the barracks at the time. The army responded with machinegun and cannon fire.

Leaders of rebel Serbs in Croatia said that, while they accepted the ceasefire, they should also be represented at any peace conference. The Croatian authorities, however, call them terrorists and it is not clear if they will negotiate with them.

Yesterday's ceasefire was agreed only after Serbia was told by the EC to stop the fighting or face political isolation and economic sanctions. "It is an important first step," said Hans van den Broek, the Dutch foreign minister and chairman of the EC, said in Belgrade.

Both Slobodan Milosevic, the Serbian president, and Dr Franjo Tudjman, his Croat counterpart, expressed satisfaction with the agreement. Mr Milosevic had succeeded in securing the participation of Serb militiamen in ceasefire commissions, so giving them political recognition. President Tudjman said: "We in Croatia can be particularly pleased because the sides which have forced a war on us have been bound to observe the peace."

A Croatian information ministry spokesman, however, expressed the doubts that many now feel when she said: "We've been cheated so many times. The Serbs were forced into this, it may be a trick. We don't know if their terrorists (Serb militiamen) will listen to them, but if the army goes back to barracks half the problem is solved."

● **Women protest:** After a 24-hour journey from Zagreb in 30 buses, 1,500 Yugoslav women, mainly from Croatia, gathered outside EC headquarters here yesterday to protest against Serbian violence in Croatia.

Many women said they had no faith in thge latest community ceasefire agreement. Among them were Albanians protesting against Serb domination of the mainly Albanian Yugoslav province of Kosovo. *(AFP)*

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Euro-envoys lost in Balkan maze

By TIM JUDAH

PITY the poor European ambassador to Belgrade. Once a prime posting, the job of representing your country to the possible future capital of greater Serbia has distinctly less allure. The hardest part is working through the once lazy summer months, trying to explain to uncomprehending foreign ministries the latest twists and turns of what is called here the "YU-crisis."

For ambassadors from the European Community, the task is complicated by the EC's involvement. On Sunday night and early Monday morning, the job reached a new low. For six hours, the assembled Euro-ambassadors hung around the empty halls of Belgrade's Palace of the Federation while Yugoslavia's bigwigs considered whether to talk to each other and whether to endorse the EC's new peace initiative.

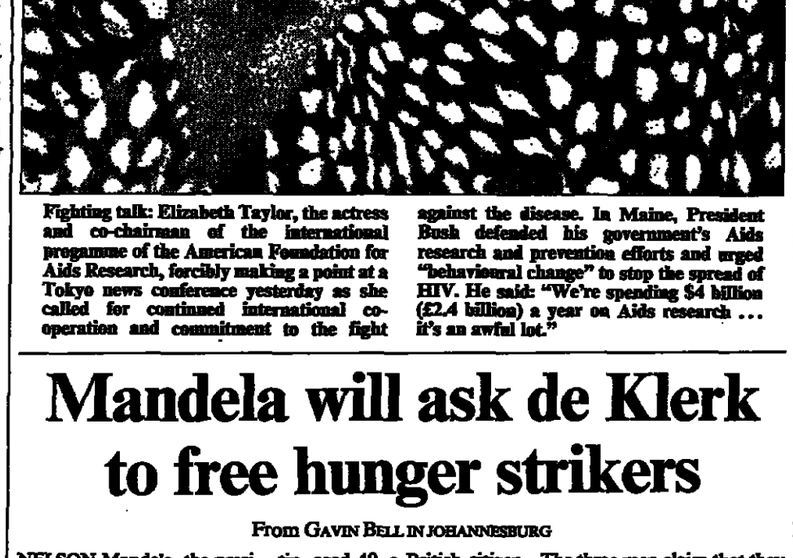
When Hans van den Broek, the foreign minister of The Netherlands, decided unexpectedly to come to Belgrade, the eight ambassadors and two deputies were summoned to the palace for a ceremonial signing of the peace plan. After two hours, the group slouched out, hands in pockets, declaring that no one was telling them what was going on and that they were hungry. Led by a diplomat in dark glasses with his tie loose, these men looked like disconsolate schoolboys with time on their hands and trouble on their minds. Speculation that their limousines would be heading to McDonald's proved to be another unfounded Balkan rumour as the group opted for a slap-up meal in a luxurious hotel.

At 10.30pm, the party headed out of the restaurant; they had heard a rumour that Mr van den Broek, apparently having a sandwich in his own embassy, was getting annoyed and was going back to the palace. Confusion reigned as some ambassadors pushed out through the revolving doors while others revolved back in, wearing the angry looks of men who had lost their chauffeurs.

Back at the palace, some of the diplomats ventured out to talk to the press. "We just don't know what's happening," said one. Journalists were then asked to confirm stories passed on by the only people liaising with the conference room: the trolley ladies serving coffee.

As the night wore on, the mosquitos grew fiercer and information scarcer. Across the vast concourse of the palace, Stipe Mesic, the Yugoslav president, was leaning on a balustrade, having slipped out for a smoke: "Mr van den Broek has given them half an hour ... He said — take it or leave it."

Finally, the deal was done. Slobodan Milosevic, the president of Serbia, hummed as he signed. The Croat scowled. A diplomat said: "They got a good plain Dutch talking to." Sweat was trickling off Mr van den Broek's forehead. He said: "I understand you're far better at night, Mr Milosevic."



Fighting talk: Elizabeth Taylor, the actress and co-chairman of the international programme of the American Foundation for Aids Research, forcibly making a point at a Tokyo news conference yesterday as she called for continued international co-operation and commitment to the fight against the disease. In Maine, President Bush defended his government's Aids research and prevention efforts and urged "behavioural change" to stop the spread of HIV. He said: "We're spending $4 billion (£2.4 billion) a year on Aids research ... it's an awful lot."

Mandela will ask de Klerk to free hunger strikers

From GAVIN BELL IN JOHANNESBURG

NELSON Mandela, the president of the left-wing, mainly black African National Congress, yesterday personally called for the release of three extreme right-wing whites who are being held pending trial on charges of injuring 13 black civilians in a bomb attack in Pretoria and of sending a parcel bomb to a Durban company which killed an employee.

After visiting Henry Martin, aged 49, a British citizen originally from Nottingham, and the other two prisoners, all members of Orde Boerevolk (Order of the Boer Nation) who have been on hunger strike for between six and eight weeks, Mr Mandela said he would appeal for them to be released on humanitarian grounds when he meets President de Klerk today.

This curious rapprochement has a political motive. The three men claim that they were acting under orders from state security services when they planted the bomb at a black taxi rank a year ago and sent the other device to the computer company in Durban which killed a white technician.

Mr Mandela said: "I am convinced that they have very valuable information about the role of the national intelligence service and military intelligence, who had instructed them to commit some heinous offences. I believe what they tell me. There is no doubt that these men have that information. We feel that it is important to have all these matters [out] into the open if we are going to have a lasting settlement."

The ANC leader, who chatted to several right-wing extremists who were present, said the hunger strikers had been excited and encouraged by his visit. Wim Cornelius, a lawyer who attended the meeting at the Hendrik Verwoerd hospital in Pretoria, said it had been "warm and in a spirit of human kindness". Mr Martin, whose fast has lasted 56 days, and one of the other prisoners had discussed matters lucidly with Mr Mandela, but the third man had been too weak to speak.

Mr Mandela's sentiments are not shared by friends and relatives of Nick Cruise, the young technician killed by the parcel bomb. Their view is that his alleged murderers should be allowed to die if they wish.

Red Cross plane wrecked by mine

From REUTER IN NAIROBI

A RED Cross Hercules transport plane was destroyed by a mine on the airstrip at the besieged Sudanese government-held town of Wau yesterday. Five crew members were injured, the International Committee of the Red Cross reported.

The aircraft hit the mine while taking off after delivering relief supplies. The incident is likely to halt Red Cross flights for several days, but the United Nations has received permission to resume famine flights, which were grounded by the Khartoum government at the weekend.

The suspension of UN flights from both the capital and neighbouring Kenya may have been linked to a power struggle in the Sudan People's Liberation Army. Wau, 625 miles south of Khartoum, is surrounded by rebels of the Sudan People's Liberation Army, which controls most of the south of the country. The force has been in disarray since the overthrow in May of Mengistu Haile Mariam, the former Ethiopian leader and its main backer.

Three senior rebel commanders said on Friday they had deposed Colonel John Garang, the rebel army's leader, but on Sunday ten members of the group's high command said he was still in control. Bernard Kouchner, the French humanitarian affairs minister, who returned to Nairobi from Sudan on Sunday, said he met Colonel Garang and found him well.



Battle ready: Serbian volunteers help load a cannon in eastern Croatia. Fighting continued in the republic yesterday despite the signing of a ceasefire agreement

Ex-guards put on trial for Wall death

From ANNE MCELVOY IN BERLIN

FOUR former border guards who shot the last escaper to die fleeing from East Germany appeared yesterday before a court here charged with manslaughter. They are the first of the former troops to be put on trial for shooting down would-be escapers caught in the so-called death strip between east and west Berlin.

The trial is considered a vital test case for dealing with crimes committed in East Germany while the regime there was still existed. The former guards' defence is that they were acting in accordance with East German law at the time of the death and following commands issued to them while they served as conscripts at the border.

The court yesterday rejected a defence argument that the case could not be heard fairly because the judges are all from the west. East German judges, most of whom are undergoing retraining, will begin to serve in west Berlin in 1993.

The central legal points of contention are whether a German court is empowered to apply West German law retrospectively to East Germany, and how it judges the pressure on the guards to act as they did. The outcome will influence future hearings involving the generals who issued the commands. So far four former generals have admitted responsibility for ordering shootings.

Heinz Kessler, who was East German defence minister, yesterday pleaded for clemency for the former guards on the ground that they were part of a highly disciplined team acting under military orders. Some 200 people were killed by border guards after East Germany closed its frontier in August 1961.

Erich Honecker, the former East German leader who was ultimately responsible for the command that would-be escapers be stopped by "ruthless use of firearms" is still in exile in Moscow, where he fled to avoid trial. The Bonn government has repeated its call for his extradition to face trial for incitement to murder and now hopes, after recent events, that he may be returned to Germany within the next month.

The four former guards, all in their mid-20s, killed Chris Gueffroy, aged 20, when he tried to flee in February 1989. His companion, Christian Gaudian, was injured but survived and will give evidence. Gueffroy's mother, Karin, who is pursuing a private case against the men, said yesterday: "I do not want revenge, least of all against these young men in the dock. But I want clarity about who is responsible for what was done to my son and many others."

Anti-mafia minister threatens to quit

Rome — Vincenzo Scotti, the Italian interior minister, has threatened to resign unless he is given broader powers to combat the mafia. He said that nearly 100,000 dangerous criminals had been released from jail for technical reasons since July, 1990.

The government has come under criticism over last week's murder of a Palermo man who refused to pay the mafia protection money. Mr Scotti told *Corriere della Sera* he was "tired of being a scapegoat" for the authorities' failure to curb mafia violence. "Either they give us the instruments with which to wage this war or I may quit tomorrow," he said. *(AFP)*

Bombs destroyed

Baghdad — The head of a United Nations inspection team says that Iraq has started to destroy the bombs and shells designed to carry chemical weapons at its Muthana storage site. The UN has described Muthana as a "chemical dustbin". Chemical agents will be destroyed later. *(Reuter)*

Multiparty vote

Freetown — Sierra Leoneans have voted for a multiparty constitution. Election officials said 1.5 million of the country's 2.5 million voters had approved a constitution to end 13 years of one-party rule. Voting began ten days ago but was hampered by attacks by guerrillas along the border with Liberia. *(Reuter)*

Weapons ban

Wellington — New Zealand has banned the import of semi-automatic firearms and pump-action shotguns after their recent use in mass murders in both New Zealand and Australia. The High Court recently ruled invalid an import ban that had been imposed by the police commissioner. *(Reuter)*

Singer hurt

Sydney — Guy Mitchell, aged 64, the American singer who had chart-topping hits in the 1950s, is in intensive care after suffering cracked ribs and internal bleeding when he fell from a horse at a friend's farm near Sydney. "Trouble is, he's a cowboy. He just can't keep off horses," his agent said. *(Reuter)*

Premadasa wins

Colombo — President Premadasa, who is fighting an impeachment motion introduced into parliament by dissident government MPs, has won a vote of confidence from his ruling United National party's parliamentary group. Of the party's 125 MPs, 116 approved a motion pledging their loyalty. *(Reuter)*

Monsieur Rock tries to make singers protected species

In a crusade against "cultural imperialism" France may make radio stations play more French music, Philip Jacobson writes

THE awfulness of most French pop music may not be widely apparent to outsiders, though the *Eurovision Song Contest* does provide an annual health warning. As for home-grown rock n' roll, well, the unchallenged reign of Johnny Hallyday says it all: no wonder the MTV televison chain cannot screen enough videos of British and American groups to satisfy the young in France.

But help is at hand for the nation's downtrodden pop industry, in the shape of Jack Lang, minister of culture, Elysée Palace spokesman and accomplished self-publicist. As part of a ceaseless crusade against the "cultural imperialism" of the Anglo-Saxon world, M Lang is said to be thinking about making radio stations play French music for up to half of their air time.

In a report submitted recently to M Lang, the Consultative Commission for Rock and Varieties — his own creation, headed by a young man called Bruno Lion, alias "Monsieur Rock", whom he appointed — came down strongly in favour of such a solution. It envisages Francophone quotas starting at about 30 per cent of all music transmissions.

Only thus, it argued, could the future of "French musical expression" be safeguarded: put another way, mediocre Gallic pop would displace music by foreign groups enjoying incomparably greater standing among French listeners. The aimiable M Lion, who is not yet 30, believes that French stores have become accustomed to selling music "like bars of soap" to an audience that can see no further than the Top Twenty charts of the day. Without resorting to Lang-speak, he appears genuinely devoted to the thesis that French culture deserves something better by way of pop — and who would disagree?

It is not like M Lang deliberately to court displeasure with the young: despite having turned 53 yesterday, he clearly believes he has an infallible feel when it comes to France's equivalent of the "yoof" culture. The minister is touchingly keen to demonstrate this, by means of press releases if necessary, and thinks nothing of being photographed in front of some graffiti-splattered wall while he praises the "creative talent" of spray-painters.

M Lang also claims to be into rap music — "hip-hop" in France, and very radical chic at present — in a big way, providing three groups to perform at this year's summer garden party thrown by Edith Cresson in the grounds of the prime minister residence. If some guests heard correctly, their repetoire included a number denouncing the socialist government's involvement in the arms race and some acid comments on racial tension in the inner cities.

Naturally, M Lang has his critics, and some see in the quota system now under consideration a sinister plan to appease the French music lobby: with the young shunning domestic pop, goes the argument, something drastic was needed to save the industry from the depredations of "les Anglo-Saxons". There has long been pressure to establish a radio channel which could be relied on to show proper devotion to French music and thereby boost the sales of records, tapes and compact discs.



Hallyday: top of the pops in his heyday

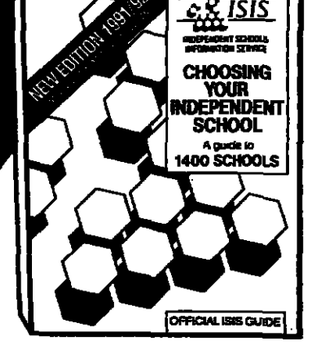
If there seems to be a logical flaw in that — would not playing second-rate pop that drives listeners away in droves simply inspire yearning for the real thing? — it apparently does not discourage M Lang. At one point, he is reported to have suggested appealing to the patriotism of those who run French radio networks: it might be rubbish, but at least it is *French* rubbish.

For the newspaper *Le Quotidien de Paris*, no friend of the minister's, the whole concept is a cynical fraud, more about money and markets than saving traditional Breton folk music. "Are we going to make French singers a protected species, like certain animals in danger of extinction?"

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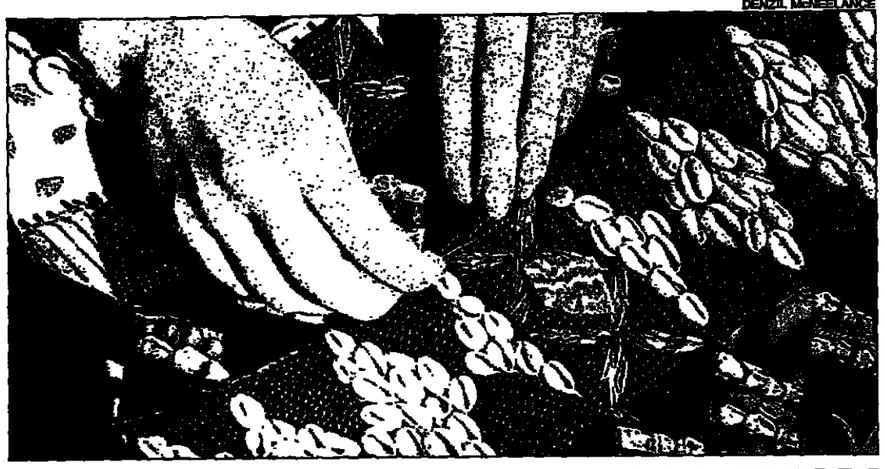
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Shining examples help beat the blues

Sequins and embroidery are giving women the chance to rise above recession woes with a glamorous display of spirit. Dinah Hall reports

DENZIL McNEELANCE





Idol: top, shell embroidery. Above, Ms Hughes, left, and Ms Meachin

ALASTAIR LAIDLAW



Left: a David Fielden sequinned, geometric-pattern dress. Right: an Idol decorated jacket and gored skirt

Paradoxically, the more depressed the economic climate, the more extravagant fashion becomes. Though it might seem like flaunting glad rags at a funeral, there is something thrillingly defiant about a display of glamour when times are hard.

Evening wear, however, is traditionally an area of no taboos when it comes to glitter and romance, a world of fantasy contained by the hours of darkness. And even diehard minimalists, who consider an overlocked seam on a white T-shirt a desecration of purity, harbour an inner alter-ego covered in sequins, to be let out at least once in a lifetime. With the prurient curiosity of a virgin entering a brothel, this other spirit may well indulge her fantasies at David Fielden.

With his training as a theatre designer, and subsequent diversion into choreography, it is tempting (though evidently annoying to him) to read a theatrical influence into Mr Fielden's lavish creations. "I'm influenced by lots of things," says the brisk Yorkshireman, displaying a balletic pair of legs in shorts (not a sequin in sight), "by the people I work with, by what I see in the streets." His winter collection features a circus theme, trapeze artists and clowns on sequinned dresses and bustiers, as well as liquorice stripes and abstract motifs.

The beading work is done in India — labour costs of such intricate work in Britain would be exorbitant, Mr Fielden says — allowing him to keep "a strange mixture of decoration from the street that has a young look to it, but also a feeling of haute couture". Most of the trimmings and buttons come from Germany and Switzerland, "where they are more prepared to go into flights of fancy". The circus dress could only be worn once or twice because it is too distinctive, he says (can he really be a Yorkshireman?) as if it is the most normal thing in the world to pay £1,600 for a dress and leave it languishing in the back of a wardrobe. "Englishwomen think it is sinful to spend a lot on clothes," he says, like a mindreader, "whereas continental Europeans will pay for quality and the best of design." In America, where Fielden-wearers come from the film, business or social x-ray division, "they wear a certain kind of garment to suit the occasion, which can sit happily with other European designers such as Montana and Moschino. The design must be young in feel and beautifully made, but have that twist which gives it a contemporary look."

Mr Fielden sees all-over decoration coming to an end. The fate of the exclusive label designer is always to be looking over his shoulder to see whether the high street giants are stepping on his tail. But while decoration has a high visibility factor on Fielden clothes, it is important that they "should never cover up a mediocre shape — the dress must fit well and flatter".

David Fielden clothes are available from 137 King's Road, SW3 and from Browns, W1, Feathers, SW1, Harrods, SW1, Harvey Nichols, SW1, Ichi Ni San, Glasgow and Little Black Dress, Leeds. Prices start from £200 for a stretch Lycra dress with embroidered sequins. The sequinned shift dress shown here costs £1,400.

Evening wear, Mr Fielden points out, has in recent seasons influenced day wear — jewelled jumpers and the like. But there is a fine dividing line. Decoration on day wear must not look as if it has been up all night.

Two New Zealand women behind the label Idol have crossed this barrier with out trouble. Penny Meachin and Kerry Hughes's clothes use traditional materials, such as hound's-tooth wool, to host a medley of schoolroom embroidery and appliqué. Their press release states that Ms Hughes has an MA in fashion design from St Martin's, while Ms Meachin trained as an electrician, a fact certain to attract the attention of jaded fashion editors.

On meeting them, it seems polite but ridiculous to ask which is the electrician. Ms Hughes, ethereal, with red pre-Raphaelite hair, is statuesquely poised in chiffony drapes. Ms Meachin, more forthcoming and dressed in an Idol hand-printed shirt, is the sort of woman more usually greeted with a hearty clap around the shoulders. They are a strange combination, but one which works, and the same is true of their clothes.

Their antipodean roots were evident in Idol's Polynesian summer collection, which combined Maori tattoo symbols with shells and hibiscus flowers, but are less visible in their heraldic winter theme. On the other hand, unless one is Vivienne Westwood, it takes a certain cultural distance to be able to take traditional fabrics, as they have done, and treat them with such creative irreverence.

Idol clothes are available from 15 Ingestre Place, W1, selected branches of Whistles, and Micha André, Liverpool. Jackets cost from £290 for one in dog's-tooth check with heart-shaped lapels and blanket stitch, to £390 for the decorated jacket shown here.

One of the reasons that Idol clothes can be worn night or day without looking glitzy is the deliberate naïvety of the decorations. Who needs cheap labour abroad when friends are happy to sit in front of the television doing a spot of lazy daisy and blanket stitch? Even Ms Meachin's boyfriend stands behind their Soho shop counter whiling away the time with a needle and thread. Is the stitching not supposed to be uniform, one wonders, noting the lack of tailor's chalk and the freedom with which he wields the needle? "Penny said I am very neat," he says, without taking offence. "It may not look much now, but it is surprising how effective it is on the finished jacket." And the influence of Ms Meachin's career as an electrician on their designs? "Ah, well, I did rewire the shop ..."

A cut above a gallery

A London hairdresser is giving his salon a functional yet sculptured look

Clients choose hairdressing salons as much for their image as the skill of the stylists, says Simon Forbes of the London salon Antenna, which owes its fashionable status to his invention of a method to make hair extensions, that answer to every crop-haired man and woman's prayer.

As hairdressing is a cosmetic business, he says a salon's décor should chop and change with fashion styles. So, despite Antenna's 18th century stable block exterior, the interior and furnishings are changed continually.

Since Antenna opened in 1980, Mr Forbes has worked with several artists and crafts people, including the sculptor Hylton Stockwell, the artist Micky Herd and Ferris Thompson, a muralist.

At present, the salon displays sculptural metalwork by Jon Mills, a designer and maker based in Brighton. Pieces include an imaginative reception desk with echoes of an Indian snake-charmer's bowl at one end and a bat's wing at the other. A hairdressing unit with mirror, hydraulic armchair and latticed wall cabinet step straight from the fantasy of a gothic novel.

"Function is important in designing hairdressing furniture," Mr Forbes says. "These pieces are works of art, yet they perform perfectly in this environment."

The pieces will be exhibited at the Salon International trade show for the hairdressing industry at Earls Court from September 21 to 23. Despite prices about a third higher than conventional salon furniture, there has been much interest from other hairdressers, Mr Forbes says.

"Normally, a mirrored unit would cost about £2,000 for something ordinary. But ours is a hand-built, custom-made piece with a wonderful textural finish. It is heavy and powerful, yet full of humour," he says. Private clients can commission Mr Mills to make similar items. The mirrored unit costs about £3,000, the chair £900, the wall cabinet £600 and the reception desk about £5,500.

Mr Forbes's interest in sculpture stems from his school days at Ryfields in Somerset, where he enjoyed carving locally gathered fallen wood. He later realised he could relate this interest to the way he chose to make a living. He collaborated with Mr Stockwell on a series of resin screens for the salon, life-size cast figures, and point-of-sale material made of corrugated cardboard impregnated with resin. Dynamic, cartoon-style murals were developed with Mr Herd for the salon's upper floor. These have been updated with a classical mural by Mr Thompson. Downstairs, another Forbes-Thompson collaboration has resulted in walls covered in raw plaster into which coloured chalk has been worked, then varnished.

Photographic images will eventually grace the interior, and another Mills piece — lush upholstered metal seating for the waiting area — is planned.

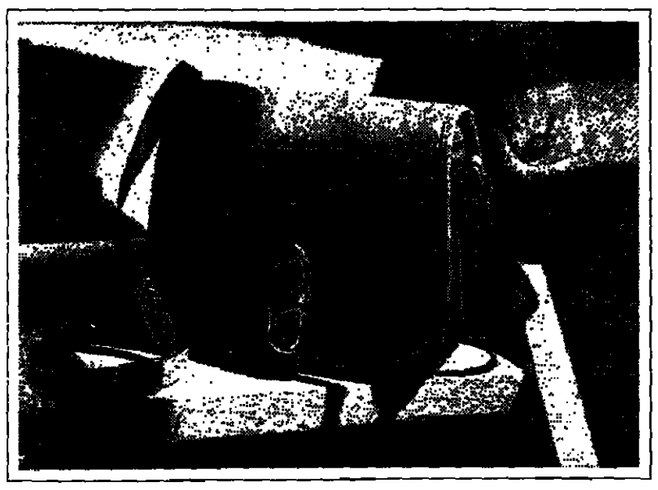
Is Antenna just a hair's breadth from becoming an art gallery? Mr Forbes says no. "It's purely for the entertainment of clients. People spend much more time buying a haircut in a salon than they do buying something in a shop. They have time to explore the place visually."

Away from Antenna, Mr Forbes is working on a collection of carved wood Giacometti-style figures. He is no stranger to exploring personal creativity. A recent Victoria & Albert exhibition in Los Angeles, "British Fashion 1790-1990", included two of his head sculptures with typical hair styles of 1980 and 1990.

As for Antenna, the refurbishment never stops. "It's a bit like painting the Forth bridge," Mr Forbes says.

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Fine stitches maketh the man

The British couturier Sir Hardy Amies is also an expert at needlepoint. A new exhibition reveals his talents

PETER TRIEVNOR



Sir Hardy: sitting comfortably on one of his works

Sir Hardy Amies, official dressmaker to the Queen and still the head of his Savile Row business at the age of 82, is about to reveal a private pursuit. When not designing the evening dresses and tweed suits that have kept him at the top of British couture for 40 years, he spends long hours engaged in needlepoint, producing carpets, cushions and chair covers to decorate his homes in New York, London and Oxfordshire.

Next week an exhibition of the work opens in Mayfair and runs for two weeks. The earliest piece, for a cushion, is of a marine design of conches, sea anemones, mussels and plants. "I look at it now and think it's rather good for a first piece," he says. "Don't you?"

An elderly bachelor acquaintance introduced him to the pleasures of needlepoint in the 1930s. "If you were into the dressmaking world," he says, "you were also quickly into the decorating world. I used to go down to the Brighton Pavilion to see the Regency furniture and decorations. I was curious to learn everything I could."

Today he is working on symmetrical blue and red panels for a carpet. Sir Hardy works from a chart, counting the stitches as he goes, using three strands of wool, sometimes two, never one, in the needle for depth of colour. There are almost 31,000 stitches in each panel and he estimates it will take him four months to complete each one, and about four years to finish the rug.

"It's a challenge," he says. "The enjoyment is in the great precision and in getting it absolutely right." Sir Hardy stitches as he travels, finding the light best in the window seats of planes. In London, after his chauffeur drops him at his Kensington flat each afternoon, he stitches until 7pm.

On a wall of his country house hangs a portrait of Elizabeth of Bohemia, the inspiration for many of his needlepoint designs. History is his passion and the Winter Queen is a particular favourite. "She is the great link between the Tudors, Stuarts and Hanovers," Sir Hardy says. He has worked her coat of arms into a striking chair cover, and a formal plot from her Palatinate palace garden forms the basis of an intricate cushion cover.

When stuck for inspiration, Sir Hardy turns to the Royal School of Needlework and its extensive archives, and where his chief aid for the past 16 years has been Cynthia Mitchell. "He always drops in to see what we are up to," Miss Mitchell says. "And we have learnt a lot from him." Setting out to cover an 18th century chair five years ago, in a Colefax and Fowler chintz and no less than 12 shades of green, Sir Hardy used *gros point* (cross-stitch) on the design to make it stand out, and *petit point* (tent stitch) on the background to create the effect of cut velvet. Miss Mitchell says he has used stitches in ways she has never seen before.

Possibly the greatest appeal of these wonderful objects, all of which are in the exhibition, is that they are living pieces that are sat upon or walked upon. As Sir Hardy says of his hobby: "The most important thing is that it should have a use as well." His fine needlepoint is sat upon, walked upon and breathed upon.

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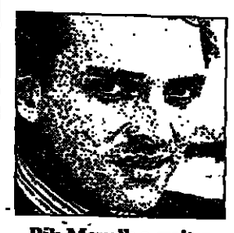
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BRIEFING

Young tramps

THREE of *The Young Ones* are enjoying an unusual reunion in the West End: starring in a new production of Samuel Beckett's classic play, *Waiting for Godot*. Rik Mayall, Adrian Edmondson and Christopher Ryan — stars of the early Eighties' hit television comedy series — will join Philip Jackson in the staging directed by Les Blair. The production, at the Queen's Theatre from September 23, has designs by Derek Jarman.



Rik Mayall: a waiter

Mini-Mozart

AS WELL as being everywhere else, Mozart hits the West End this month. Scaled-down versions of *Don Giovanni* and *The Marriage of Figaro* — with the orchestra reduced to six instruments — will transfer to the Garrick Theatre on September 16, having played to sell-out houses in Vienna and at the Barbican. The versions spice up Da Ponte's lyrics with references to such modern inventions as videos, the drug Ecstasy and *The Sun*.

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THEATRE

Mover and shaker on the way up

Deborah Warner, whose production of *Hedda Gabler* transfers from Dublin to London tonight, talks to Benedict Nightingale about her remarkable path from the radical fringe to the heart of British theatre

DES JENSON



Deborah Warner: her apparent coolness and confidence are offset by the ability to criticise herself

When one British critic went to Dublin to review Deborah Warner's revival of Ibsen's *Hedda Gabler* last June, he described it as far the grimmest he had seen. A week later, another critic made the same trip and found a "hilarious catalogue of disasters". According to Warner herself, neither scribe had lost his acumen, let alone his marbles. Indeed, she would not be the least surprised if some quite different adjectives hit the arts pages after the production's London opening tonight. She, her actors, and the play continue to move on.

One of several reasons for Warner's high reputation these days is that, at 31 years old, she is the most parental of directors. She regards it as her duty to nurture a production from conception through pregnancy and birth to its last theatrical breath. There are British directors, though not many, who prepare as fully and rehearse as carefully. Name me another who would have sat through 80 of 150 performances of *Titus Andronicus*, watching, giving notes, and up to the end suggesting new ideas.

"People think I'm trying to keep it exactly the same as when we opened," she says. "In fact, I'm trying to ensure it's *not* the same. I'm not monitoring, I'm developing." For her, a production grows in tiny fits and starts, just like a child. It changes, but unpredictably and imperceptibly: "You'd need to take a photo of it every day to describe the process fully."

Warner is the daughter of an antiques dealer in Burford, a village only 30 miles from Royal Shakespeare Company headquarters in Stratford. Her first strong theatrical memory was seeing the science-fiction *Midsummer Night's Dream* staged there in 1971 by Peter Brook, a director whose anti-traditionalism and determination to scrape the accumulated goo off classic plays remain an inspiration. For her, his production was "magic, fantastic, like being in Hamley's on Christmas Day and playing with all the toys".

But it was not until she was at sixth-form college in Oxford, and doing odd jobs for an undergraduate theatre, that she thought of following him. She had little idea of what directors were, yet at some vague, dreamy level she knew she must eventually become one. But how? The two-year course in stage management she proceeded to take at the Central was hardly an adequate training. Her real school was the London theatre, which she visited every night. Directors, she believes, are shaped by what they have seen; and often negatively rather than positively.

In her case, a profound and growing exasperation was a formative factor. To this day, she finds theatre-going difficult and unenjoyable: "I get extremely tense and quite angry, sometimes when I'm seeing good work. It's a rhythmic thing. The play has been directed by somebody whose rhythm is not yours. But I think what finally made me a director," she goes on, "was an RSC *Tempest*.

'Simplicity, freshness, intensity and boldness are qualities often invoked when Warner is at work'

It was so foolish, it hadn't been thought out, even the little things were wrong. It irritated me rigid."

Warner is a cool, confident person, and might come across as arrogant, were it not for a breezy humour, a genuine independence of mind combined with a willingness to listen, and an ability to criticise herself. She has as little affectation or side as the company she proceeded to found soon after leaving Central. It was called Kick, with good reason. "We were about the actor and the text, nothing else. We didn't have any money, any sets, or any breakfast. In fact, we were rather a cross little group, very anti-RSC. We thought their work was smothered in bad design."

Warner's bold, unfussy productions of Büchner's *Woyzeck*, Brecht's *Good Person of Sichuan* and several plays by Shakespeare impressed everybody. But five virtually penniless years were enough. She was about to take a post at a drama school in Sweden when she got a call from the ancestral foe. The RSC had been unable to find anyone willing to direct Brian Cox in *Titus Andronicus*. "Brian was so desperate he apparently said, 'what about that Kick girl?' " laughs Warner. "I was the last person on the list."

The collaboration was a sensational success. Warner, still suspicious of the RSC, had expected interference from on high; but she, Cox and their company were left to create a *Titus* which won both major best-director awards. The play itself is about as digestible as the human ragout on the protagonist's table d'hôte. But this was a production remarkable for its simplicity, its freshness, its intensity, and the boldness with which it mixed horror, pain and a bleak, unsettling humour. Those are qualities often invoked when Warner is at work.

Next came *King John*, followed by a production of *Electra* with Fiona Shaw, now Warner's Hedda, playing the title role. Then it was off to the National and an acreage much larger than either Kick or the RSC's Pit had allowed. Could a director so committed to intimate spaces make so hefty an adjustment? Some critics were less sure of her handling of *Lear* in the Lyttelton than of her *Good Person of Sichuan* in the Olivier. But there was no doubting the power of feeling generated by Cox's cranky, vulnerable king.

How does Warner do it? Cox, a fervent admirer, characterises her approach as "discovery without preconceptions", with every member of the cast making his or her contributions to notably egalitarian rehearsals. That does not, however, prevent her nudging, prodding, and firmly rejecting what she regards as false trails. "My rehearsal technique used to be infinite patience," she says, a bit apologetically. "But life is short, and I've got fiercer as I've got older. I don't always now let actors find out for themselves that something is not right."

She does plenty of preparatory work. With *Hedda*, for instance, she read a lot of late-Victorian women's fiction. She and her designer also spent hours together looking at period photos and paintings. A "wonderfully unusual" nude by Munch of his model walking across a room found its way onto the programme cover and, though Warner cannot say precisely where or how, no doubt into the production, too. Her approach is more intuitive than intellectual. As often as not, it is a case of stimulating the cast with images and ideas that seem only indirectly relevant.

How, for instance, to explain Hedda, her destructiveness and her suicide? Among other things, Warner introduced the cast to a psychotherapist with experience of the criminally insane. He told them many stories, including one of a psychotic man who took home, fed and washed a pathetic loner he found in the gutter. Only in one respect was he less than a Good Samaritan. The water with which he bathed the stranger was boiling. Then there was the woman who killed her children and her parents. Asked why, she simply answered: "I read by a very dark lamp."

There may still be boiling water and dark light in Shaw's Hedda when it resurfaces tonight; but, if so, something equally unsettling will probably have replaced them by the time the production closes six weeks hence. Then she and Warner will be teaming up again, to see what else they can find in the *Electra* they originally created for the RSC. And then? Well, Warner is one of those directors who finds the classics more rewarding than new plays, and has a yearning to try a Shakespeare comedy, perhaps *As You Like It* or *Twelfth Night*. But will that be in London or even England?

"I feel demoralised being back in London. The size depresses me. I really prefer a smaller city. It was heaven working on *Hedda* in Dublin. I can live there, I can function — and wouldn't it be a fantastic centre for a European venture of some kind. It's a thought, a very big thought for me at the moment."

● Hedda Gabler *opens tonight at the Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, London WC2 (071-839 4401).*

CINEMA: MONTREAL FESTIVAL

Selection is all when the form guide is faulty

Geoff Brown finds sparkling new comedy from Europe in evidence at Montreal's otherwise mainly serious film festival



Boisterous playing: Josef Abrhám (centre) as Macheath in The Beggar's Opera

Throughout the summer months, film festivals tread on each others' toes. While Locarno's festival is underway, Edinburgh begins. As Edinburgh winds down, *Montreal leaps* into action. Closing ceremonies over, the curtain is raised in Toronto (Montreal's rival) and Venice (everybody's rival). Given this scramble, and the finite number of available films, most summer festivals have a hard time maintaining a distinctive profile.

Serge Losique, director of Montreal's World Film Festival since its inception in 1977, and a man once described as "a wolf in wolf's clothing", knows a few tricks. A poster designed by Federico Fellini helps: the maestro's image of an enigmatic woman in a spiky hat gazed down from posters all over town. For the competition section, Losique and his colleagues pulled in films by major figures — Alain Tanner, Jiří Menzel, Percy Adlon — and dug up promising new talent.

Some of the veterans let us down, yet among the festival's 230-plus films the most demanding epicure could find something to savour, from a Yugoslav film banned for 20 years (*The Plastic Jesus*) to *The Ambulance*, the latest offering of Larry Cohen, keeper of the B-movie flame. The French-language press complained about a "morose" festival: this was not the general perception, least of all among Montreal's audiences, ever eager and curious.

For sheer enjoyment, the film that scored highest was Maurizio Nichetti's *Volere Volare* (*I Want to Fly*): even at nine in the morning, a packed house rolled in the aisles. In this ebullient successor to *The Icicle Thief*, Nichetti, the nimblest of Italy's current crop of comedian-writer-directors, draws on his early days as a cartoon scriptwriter. He plays a bumbling sound technician who dubs whoops and bangs onto vintage cartoons. A woman (sweetly played by Angela Finocchiaro) enters his life; but just when their relationship blossoms, Nichetti's hands change from human flesh to bright yellow animation. By the end, he is 100 per cent cartoon. Nichetii's mixed media comedy was conceived years before *Who Framed Roger Rabbit*, though that film's success certainly helped turn his script into reality. Ironically, the jokes only falter once the dramatic crux is reached; but the first half contains such a whirlwind of gags that only a churl would complain.

Comedy also courses through Jiří Menzel's *The Beggar's Opera*, which filters John Gay's original through a stage adaptation by Václav Havel, written in 1972. With one eye trained on the contemporary communist state, Havel depicts a society riddled with crime, secrecy and deceit. Menzel's fondness for nostalgia's rosy glow saps the material of its potential savagery, but the compensations are plenty, from the boisterous performances (Josef Abrhám as Macheath) and the ochre-tinged 1920s settings to a marvellous opening, tracing a pearl necklace's journey from shop window to bicycle to sewer and beyond.

Given Percy Adlon's recent track record, we might expect jokes from *Salmonberries*. But the *Bagdad Café* director has taken a well-earned rest from whimsy. His new film, striking and awkward by turns, was written for the Canadian country singer k.d. lang, whose lower-case name hides a formidable female singing voice, though on this evidence little screen presence. Lang plays an androgynous, half-Eskimo foundling who storms into an Arctic community to discover her past. By an overconvenient twist of fate, the person she approaches needs to make peace with her own history: she is an escapee from the Berlin Wall (Rosel Zech), improbably working as an Arctic librarian. Adlon does decent things with the snow-swept landscapes, but his script is much too arch for comfort.

As usual at film festivals, misery lovers were well catered for. Alain Tanner's *The Man Who Has Lost His Shadow* mooched round an Andalusian beach town with a blank hero who has driven his life into a cul-de-sac. So, it appears, has Tanner: elegantly shot, the film still offers nothing more than stale variations on old themes. A fellow Swiss, Lêa Pool (now resident in Quebec), discoursed on human entrapment to far better effect in *La Demoiselle sauvage* — an atmospheric account of a woman fugitive sheltered in the mountains by a dam engineer. Pool, who enjoys a strong local following, gives low priority to character development — we have to fill in or imagine much for ourselves — but her sensitivity and feeling for remote landscapes carry the film through.

'Among the 230-plus films the most demanding epicure could find something to savour'

Among the first features, none impressed more than Xavier Beauvois's *Nord*, an outstanding drama about a disintegrating family. Not for Beauvois the lurching frenzy of so many first-timers: from the opening shots swiftly establishing the Calais environment, Beauvois times and frames shots with the unhurried ease of an old master (he is, in fact, 24). He also proves to be no mean actor, playing a restless 18-year-old with a subtlety most young screen rebels lack. For parents, the young hero boasts Bernard Verley (also the film's producer) as a brooding alcoholic, and Bulle Ogier, distant and distracted; he also has a mentally handicapped sister. Beauvois spins a bleak tale, but the crisp images of ordinary life prevent any descent into callow pessimism.

Another newcomer, Denmark's Suzanne Bier, showed her mettle in *Freud Leaving Home*: a confident comedy-drama about a prickly Jewish family thrown into turmoil by the imminent death of the all-powerful mother. One would never guess from Bier's unflashy direction that she had produced rock videos. The film's heart, though, lies in its strong performances, particularly Gunilla Röös as the spinster daughter: a psychology student with a deal of growing up still to do.

Outside the competition, Juan José Campanella displayed impressive control in *The Boy Who Cried Bitch*, an electrifying American thriller about an uncontrollable adolescent (Harley Cross, excellent) who terrorises his mother and grows more unbalanced scene by scene. This was another popular favourite: even the ushers recommended it. For the cognoscenti, Kenchi Iwamoto's *Kikuchi* provided much pleasure with its minimalist treatment of a laundry attendant's barren life. Iwamoto — formerly a comic-strip illustrator — uses diffused lighting, amplified sound and a mostly static camera, turning mundane images into something rich, strange and quietly hilarious.

Apart from new films, there were tributes to cinema's great and good, from Sidney Poitier to Anthony Hopkins, and, for festival guests, numerous chances to imbibe. One reception drew a frosty comment from the Quebec pop star Mitsou, who came, saw, and did not conquer. "Horrible," she snorted, "a bunch of middle-aged men wearing four-day beard growth, and munching on cauliflower."

RADIO REVIEW

Murder and even verse

During the heroic age of the British murder, the 1930s, it is a curious fact that a disproportionate number of notorious cases were perpetrated by the medical profession, doubtless on the ground that they thought they could get away with it. Doctors nowadays seem to have lost all confidence in their abilities.

"Red stains on the carpet, red stains on the knife/Oh Dr Buck Ruxton, you've cut up your wife!/The nursemaid she saw you and threatened to tell/So Dr Buck Ruxton, you cut her as well." Expertly "disarticulated" into more than 50 chunks, the victims pointed mutely to a trained hand. In Ruxton's own words, he was "the most progressive doctor in Lancaster".

Murder Most Foul, which is on Radio 4 on Sundays, is a re-run of a popular series of Lustgarteniana, constructed around forensic dramatisation and fronted by the emollient Nick Ross. His every sentence contains a tacit invitation to marvel at the procedures of detection — and standing behind him, cleaver upraised, another invitation to shudder over the flayed skin and missing eyeballs. Conspicuously absent is the injunction, familiar to viewers of BBC 1's *Crimewatch*, about not losing sleep. Always remember that less than one per cent of all radio programmes are devoted to 'orrible murders.

REMEMBER too that the favoured mode of self-expression of convicted murderers is verse. Throughout September you will be lucky to tune into Radios 3 or 4 without being mugged by poets, many of them safely enshrined in the pantheon and many the beneficiaries of pious nods in the direction of ethnicity. As an earnest of both these impulses, the current **Poet of the Month** (Radio 3, Sunday) is the octagenarian Sorley Maclean, the bard of Skye who invariably gets wheeled out whenever the BBC remembers that its ambit extends beyond Hadrian's Wall. Maclean holds the unique position of enjoying the unforced respect of the versifying community while being directly accessible to fewer than 100,000 readers.

Asked why he persists in writing in Gaelic, he spoke of "a kind of loyalty to the traditions of one's people", which is no explanation at all. One might see him rather as a prize exhibit which has found a nice little niche for itself in a folk museum but whose (bilingual) label is irremediably gnomic. If I had to nominate a GOM of the same generation to lead this month-long festival, I would prefer either George Barker or David Gascoigne — or are they too readily identifiable with the "mainstream" of 20th century poetry? In Maclean's view, "mainstream is a question-begging word".

MARTIN CROPPER

RECORDS: CLASSICAL

Handel can still thrill

HERE must be one of 1991's best recordings. Robert King and his producer, Ben Turner, have put together an alluring account of yet another neglected Handel oratorio. Its success is such that I find myself playing it repeatedly for the sheer thrill. The project has a cast of stylish singers, crisp and vivid choral work from the Choir of New College, Oxford, and imaginative playing from The King's Consort, whose trumpets and horns deserve special praise.

Joshua was composed swiftly in 1747, and repeats the formula of *Judas Maccabeus*, heard that same year: a Jewish hero performs wondrous deeds and is acclaimed in gloriously triumphant choruses. This time, however, Thomas Morell's libretto includes a romantic sub-plot, to break up what would otherwise be a continually bellicose narrative.

Even discounting the love affair between Othniel and Achsah, Handel and Morell had much incident to get through. Jericho's walls fall in a scene full of wonderful, brassy resplendence; great lamenting follows when the complacent Israelites, forewarned by Achsah, are repelled; the sun and moon are stopped in their tracks, to music of suitably onomatopoeic flavour, so that vengeance can be wreaked on the Canaanites; and Othniel invades the city of Debir, returning to the celebrated chorus "See the conqu'ring hero comes" (only later inserted into *Judas Maccabeus*).

All of this inspires Handel to a sustained high level of lyrical and dramatic invention. The singers respond accordingly. Emma Kirkby is all radiance as the angelic Achsah, while James Bowman, whose voice is now as flexible and rich an instrument as it has ever been, manages Othniel's dual qualities of sensitivity and aggression well. Michael George sings with strength and resonance, the tenor John Mark Ainsley displays abundant stamina, technique and understanding as Joshua, and young Aidan Oliver contributes a delightful recitative as the Angel who visits Joshua.

Handel: Joshua. New College Choir/King's Consort/King. Hyperion CDA66461/2 (two CDs).

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No war is ever civil

Jonathan Clark contends that fighting within nations leaves the deepest scars

Civil war is now more of a preoccupation than at any time since Spain placed it on the international agenda in the 1930s. As we wait to hear whether the European Community's painfully-negotiated ceasefire in Yugoslavia will hold, even optimists realistically fear the outbreak of full-scale civil war. What is so peculiarly horrifying about it? Has civil war receded as a threat over the centuries with the advance of a modern world order?

The British traditionally describe civil wars as marked by unusual cruelties. It was Macaulay, not Clausewitz, who pointed out that "The essence of war is violence," and he wrote to praise the English civil war leader John Hampden. Yet Ireland wins first prize: Sir John Temple's *The Irish Rebellion*, published in 1646 about the Catholic massacre of 1641, has been described as a "large collection of lurid and harrowing stories of boiling, stoning, stripping, disembowelling, mutilating, hanging, whipping and drowning". A classic in Protestant circles, it was long used to justify retribution.

Yet horrible as the Spanish civil war or the Irish troubles have been, this analysis seems to understate the horror of violence between national armies. These two conflicts were dwarfed by the Battle of the Somme alone, but our sympathies in that case are less engaged, because we do not grieve for the suffering on the German side. Civil and national wars at all periods are both marked by gross cruelty; the main difference is that the cruelties tend to be better chronicled in civil wars, and remembered with better-tended resentment.

Considering their horror, wars between nations are forgotten with indecent haste. Civil wars which end in conquest, not secession, leave deeper scars. The dominance of Northerners in American academe means that the British still underestimate the lasting resentment of the South at its conquest and "reconstruction" by the North. The Confederate flag is still common in the rooms of American students at Oxford. So it was in England for a century after Charles I's execution in 1649.

Our sympathies are engaged on both sides when fellow countrymen, not aiming at secession, are divided by a doctrine. Worst of all are those wars where men are caught up in a conflict not of their making. Historians often now claim that England's internal problems were insufficient to generate civil war in the 1640s, and endorse the Earl of Berkshire's comment in 1645: "Nobody can tell what we have fought about all this while."

The British and Americans, as equal heirs to the 18th-century jurist Sir William Blackstone's unitary, absolutist definition of national sovereignty, fight tooth and nail against whatever threatens the break up of the state.

Since 1789 Europeans too, especially of the bourgeois intelligentsia, have accepted the nation-state as a norm, and focused on nationalism and national liberation (or imperialism and class repression) as causes of wars: ethnicity and religion were swept under the carpet of the liberal conscience. Consequently, their recent re-emergence has left us both shocked and mentally ill-equipped to deal with them.

Only a play on definitions creates civil wars. The European Community's refusal to recognise the independence of Slovenia and Croatia turns into civil war what would otherwise be a war of national liberation or a defence by Croatia of its historic borders. The success of 13 of Britain's American colonies in 1776-83 means we call their action a revolution; the failure of 11 southern states to secede in 1861-5 means we call theirs a civil war: it might have been the other way round.



Victors' history: Elisha Rhodes, Northern soldier

There is nothing intrinsically different about civil wars, but they do often have an element which we overlook if we think of wars between nations as being driven by rational or greedy self-interest. Civil wars commonly revolve around issues of ethnicity, or religion, or both.

The "English" civil war was a war of three kingdoms – England, Scotland and Ireland – because they each had contrasting and mutually antagonistic religious inheritances.

Differences of social structure and values between the northern and southern states in America similarly became encapsulated in that most fraught of ethnic issues, negro slavery. The Thirty Years' War (1618-48), which devastated much of the Holy Roman Empire and was the first to be accurately depicted (in engravings of physical barbarity) was a war of religion which wore no disguise.

Following the demise of communism, religion and all the differences for which religion is a shorthand term are now again the most potent forces of European conflict. In Yugoslavia, Catholic Slovenia and Croatia live at peace; but Croatia is the natural antagonist of Orthodox Serbia. War between the Russian Federation and the Ukraine is unlikely, but Moldavia's desire to secede and join Romania, taking a sizeable Russian-speaking minority with it, poses a representative problem.

Boris Yeltsin's injudicious warning that Russia might seek to redefine its borders with newly independent neighbours carries a menace that no subsequent treaties of perpetual peace can remove. The president of Kazakhstan, Nursultan Nazarbayev, immediately summed up the implications of this with his blunt warning, "This means war". Resurgent Islam may prove him right.

Should we kowtow to Confucius?

Michael Yahuda offers John Major a guide through the labyrinth of Peking's diplomatic codes and customs

It is just as well that the Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd, an old China hand, is accompanying John Major on his first visit to Peking. For Chinese diplomacy, which draws on the traditions of both imperial China and communism, is a world apart from Western practice.

From the Confucian imperial tradition are derived ideas and customs that emphasise the divide between the truly civilized and virtuous and the different kinds of barbarians. But all owed deference to the emperor on the Chinese throne, who, as the Son of Heaven, was responsible for everything on earth. The deference of the outside barbarian was expressed in an elaborate ritual of bearing tribute. Much emphasis was placed on symbol and ritual, so that more often than not the tribute bearer who conformed would emerge with advantageous trading arrangements.

An important part of the traditional Chinese conception of order was the relationship between the domestic and the external realms as expressed in the aphorism *nei lun wai huan* (internal chaos involves external disaster). Both the inner and outer realms were considered part of a coherent whole. Much emphasis was put on correct behaviour and registering that on the official record. Thus when Lord McCartney visited the Emperor Qianlong as an envoy from King George in 1793 he bent his knee, but the Chinese recorded him as a tribute bearer who performed the kowtow (that is, prostrated himself three times, banging his forehead on the ground).

Naturally today's visiting diplomats and government leaders are not expected to go that far, but the contemporary Chinese still emphasise rituals and symbolism. Yet while much significance is attached to such visits, they are not regarded as occasions for establishing close personal ties. "Friendship" is of a highly ritualistic kind, and sharp distinctions between "them" and "us" are still applied. It is rare indeed for a foreign leader to visit the home of his counterpart. The late Hu Yaobang was thought to have behaved in an unseemly manner when he invited the then Japanese prime minister, Nakasone, to his home to meet his family. Nevertheless the Chinese will assiduously cultivate a foreign leader who has been judged to be "sincere" and "friendly" – such as Richard Nixon or Edward Heath – almost regardless of his standing at home.

Communist practice has reinforced many of the traditional traits. The distinction between the civilized and the barbarian has been transformed into that between the communist – or as they call it the socialist – and the capitalist world. In some respects it is a sharper distinction than obtained before, drawn as it is now between a society with special values and a hostile outside world that poses both military and ideological threats. The Chinese particularly mistrust former imperialists, such as the British. This, combined with the fact that general principles count for more in Chinese diplomacy than detailed technical legalities has exacerbated difficulties over Hong Kong.

Curiously, the emphasis on ritual and symbol has been combined with the practice of emphasising rule by men rather than by law. In other words personal relations and arrangements have often been more significant than the official hierarchy. Thus Mao's designated successor, Hua Guofeng, stood little chance against the challenge of Deng Xiaoping despite holding the positions of chairman of the party, prime minister and chairman of the military commission (that is the offices of Mao Tse-tung and Chou En-lai combined). Deng Xiaoping today is technically no more than an ordinary citizen and a rank-and-file member of the Communist party of China – but he is nonetheless the country's effective paramount ruler.

The visiting foreign dignitary may never know who among his interlocuters holds true power. Moreover he will encounter a wall of secrecy and rumour should he seek to find out. Trust can be built up only over time and by successive encounters.

Some visitors such as Henry Kissinger were charmed by the Chinese style and others such as Khrushchev were repelled. We wait to see what John Major will make of it.

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Mary Ann Sieghart says homes will remain a good investment while the state subsidises them

Home is where the money is

This week will be one of gloom for the housing industry. Yesterday, the Nationwide Anglia Building Society said house prices had fallen in August by a further 1 per cent. Results will be brought out by Taylor Woodrow today and Wimpey tomorrow. Both companies are likely to have been badly hit. Thursday's government figures for housing starts are expected to show that bulldozers and bricklayers are still suffering enforced idleness. Some economists are starting to wonder whether the housing market has changed its nature. Might Britons have finally shaken off their fixation with bricks and mortar?

After the second world war, the British locked their money into home ownership, convinced that buying a house was the best investment they could make. Many have felt they could not afford *not* to become home owners: if they delayed, prices would outpace their earnings and they would no longer have enough money to buy. Over the long term, they were more or less right about the investment. Helped by huge tax subsidies from government, houses have at least outperformed gilts and gold.

But in the past two years, house prices have fallen in many parts of the country, not just relative to inflation, but in money terms too. Home owners are still in shock. Even in the mid 1970s, when house prices fell in real terms more than they have done this time, high inflation masked the effect so that they looked as if they were merely standing still. This time, inflation has not obliged. People who recently took out mortgages worth 90 per cent of the value of their homes are finding that their debts are greater than the value of their houses. Even if they could sell their houses, they would not raise enough to pay off their mortgages. Newspapers are full of cautionary tales about mortgage arrears and repossessions.

This could be enough to put young people off housebuying altogether. Contrary to popular belief, the British are not much more avid owner-occupiers than, say, the Americans. What is peculiar about us is the age at which we start on the first rung of the housing ladder. While twenty-something Americans and Continental Europeans are moving from one rented flat to another, we British tie ourselves to our own houses or flats and burden ourselves with mortgage repayments.

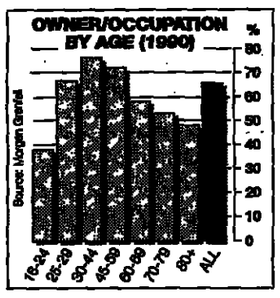


Sooner the better: people in Britain buy their houses earlier than most foreigners

At least, that always used to be the case. But if the panic went out of housing, if people felt they could safely delay stepping on the ladder and not lose out, would not the whole nature of the market change? In that case, houses might cease to be the safest investment a Briton could make.

Demographic changes seem to support the theory. The number of people aged between 25 and 29 – the group from which most new households are formed – will fall sharply over the next 20 years because of the declining birth rate in the 1970s. If, on top of that fall, a smaller-than-usual percentage of them decides to plunge into the market, the impetus given to prices by demand from first-time buyers could fizzle out.

Hold on, say economists from the merchant bank Morgan Grenfell. There may be fewer young people wanting to buy homes, but at the same time, there will be more elderly home owners, enough to make the overall demand for owner-occupied houses rise.



Today (see chart above), only 58 per cent of people in their sixties, and 48 per cent of those over 80 own their homes, compared with 66 per cent of people between 25 and 29, and 74 per cent of those between 30 and 59. As the oldest generations die, today's middle-aged home owners will take their place. So the rate of owner-occupation will increase.

Morgan Grenfell also predicts a small rise in the number of households, mainly because, either through divorce, widowhood or choice, more women are opting to live on their own. Taking the two trends together, the bank's economists reckon that the number of owner-occupiers will grow by an average of 200,000 a year for the next 20 years. This is slower than in the 1980s, but not far off the annual growth seen in the 1970s and 1980s taken together.

But even if this ensures that the flow of housebuying continues, there are all sorts of reasons why we are unlikely to see another big boom. Last week's prediction by the Henley Centre for Forecasting of an average 64 per cent rise in house prices over the next five years seemed a little too optimistic. The housing market has never recovered that fast after a downturn. And this time, because turnover in some parts of the country has slowed virtually to a halt, there is a huge backlog of houses and flats waiting to be bought. Some 100,000 are forced sales: repossessions, relocations and newly-built houses. But as soon as prices start to rise, other sellers – those who simply feel like moving house but have been unable to do so for three years – will put their homes on the market too.

In the short term, unemployment will take its toll on earnings, the measure that house prices seem most closely to follow. And just as the *fear* of unemployment tends to make people cut their spending in the shops, it could make them reluctant to take on bigger mortgages for more expensive houses. First-time buyers will not enter the market if they worry that their incomes are insecure.

Finally, the government simply would not allow house prices to boom again as they did in the 1980s. The Chancellor, Norman Lamont, has said so, and demonstrated his commitment in the last Budget by abolishing higher-rate tax relief on mortgage interest payments.

But none of this means that house prices will not continue to chug along gently in line with earnings, as they have tended to do, with a few peaks and troughs, since the 1950s. For the structure of the market remains the same.

Britain is a densely populated island with a limited amount of land available for new houses. So there is little chance of large increases in supply putting downward pressure on prices. Meanwhile, owner-occupation is subsidised through mortgage interest tax relief to the tune of £7.5 billion a year. And any capital gains on a first house are free of tax. This means that real interest rates have to be painfully high and house price rises in low single figures or negative before it is cheaper to rent than to buy, even taking into account the costs of keeping the roof free of leaks.

Until houses are treated the same way for tax purposes as any other investment, the British are bound to prefer buying a house to gilts, shares or even gold. Blips there may be, but over the long haul, four walls will continue to be the canniest place to stash one's savings.

...and moreover

CRAIG BROWN

These twin extracts from "The Boyhood Diaries of Dr David Owen" and "The Boyhood Diaries of Roy Jenkins" – exclusive to this column – offer a remarkable insight into these two great men of our time. In this first extract, the five-year-old Master David Owen offers a delightful reminiscence of a visit to the local Santa's grotto:

December 24: I found myself placed right at the very back of the queue for the grotto. Relying on the natural good sense of the people, I deployed my firmly held belief in consensus and asked each and every person, on a one-to-one basis, if he would push over and let me pass or whether, on balance, he would prefer to nurse a broken ankle. I was elated and encouraged to find that, by sticking to this democratic process, the vast majority of the queue ended up firmly behind me.

I arrived in the grotto to find an old man already there, dressed in boots and a red suit, with a large white beard. I caught him red-handed in the process of rummaging through a large sack of children's toys. He was obviously an old man in a hurry. "This is the shabbiest act I have ever witnessed," I said. I was not going to stand there and let him ride roughshod over my Christmas wishes, and those of millions of others.

"Hello, little boy. I'm Santa Claus," he said. I can't remember ever witnessing such a blatant act of rank-pulling.

I began to argue in no uncertain terms to Mr Claus that his position in the grotto was untenable, that a new, more dynamic presence was needed if ever the grotto was to keep its place in the modern world, that I would accept, in all humility, the task of taking over all the toys in the sack on behalf of the community in the queue outside, and that I would be happy to find him some high-profile position in the new administration were he to step down in his own time within the next two minutes.

He replied, "Ho, ho, ho!", which I now realise was a delaying tactic designed to relax me into thwarting the wishes of the vast majority who remained right behind me in the queue. I emerged from our meeting with a toy train and the promise of a sackful of smaller gifts for delivery by tomorrow am. I now realise that this toy train was just a disposable vehicle for his ambition to remain Santa Claus, a position he now looks likely to hold forever. This was a shoddy trick, one of the shoddiest it has been my misfortune to witness in all my five years.

Compare and contrast that with this description by the five-year-old Master Roy Jenkins of a visit to the very same Santa's grotto just ten years earlier:

December 24th: Finding myself at the back of a lengthy queue, I struck up a thoroughly pleasant conversation with the little lad in front.

"Do you know Santa personally at all?" I asked. It turned out that he did not. "Terribly nice, easy-going sort of fellow, absolutely first-class," I said, "visits our home every Christmas."

The little boy seemed impressed, so I continued, "To be absolutely frank, if I may, I'm just a tiny bit nervous that Santa will be worrying that I am not in his grotto already. He always expects to see me on a strictly one-to-one basis at this time of year, you see, and I would hate to let the poor chap down. I couldn't possibly move in front of you, could I? Very, very kind of you, very kind, many thanks, season's greetings to you and your family."

By pursuing this policy of what my opponents might unfairly describe as "queue-barging" – a term that is anathema to me – I soon found myself in Claus's grotto. "Santa!" I exclaimed, having first directed the other boys and girls to the exit. "Make yourself at home, fine grotto you have here!"

"Now, Santa," I continued when I felt that he was fully at ease in my presence, "what can I promise you for Christmas?" From my throne, I rummaged through the sack for a little something with which to send him on his way.

"I'll have, I'll have, I'll have – the security guards!" he replied, and I found myself surrounded by burly ruffians who escorted me away. Never in my life have I been victim of such a shoddy trick, and this experience caused me to perform a fundamental review of my belief in this particular Claus.

Business, man to man

SO WHO first persuaded the West that, in Mrs Thatcher's words, President Gorbachev was someone with whom we could do business? Some have credited Oleg Gordievsky, the KGB defector. But Peter Walker, the former energy secretary, will claim in a forthcoming book that as the first British cabinet minister to meet the Soviet leader, and in the face of considerable Foreign Office opposition, he was the one to persuade a reluctant Mrs Thatcher that glasnost was to be taken seriously.

The former prime minister, who showed her support for the Soviet leader once again in Kazakhstan over the weekend, took some convincing that anyone carrying a Communist party card was good news for the West, according to Walker. In his autobiography *Staying Power*, to be published next month in time for the Tory party conference, Walker recalls meeting Gorbachev for dinner in December 1984. Already it was clear that President Chernenko did not have long to live, and Gorbachev was likely to take over. Walker realised, he says, that a good relationship with Gorbachev could end the Cold War once and for all. "I was very impressed. Here was a man who was lively and articulate – totally different from what I had seen in the past."

So impressed was Walker that he immediately telephoned Mrs Thatcher to urge her to alter her approach. "I had a long session with her and pointed out that the briefing from the Foreign Office was far too pessimistic. Gorbachev clearly wanted to bring economic change to the country, and she was very grateful to me for pointing that out. I suppose you could say it was what I said that made their meeting such a success."

● *When Pete McCarthy of Channel 4 arrived in the Soviet Union last week, hot foot from the Edinburgh festival, he discovered that the new economics now operating meant that his taxi-driver refused to accept the roubles he had just converted at the airport. McCarthy was forced to hand over the only hard currency he had: Scottish banknotes. The taxi-driver was eventually convinced, but the ensuing conversation when he tries to pass the notes on can be imagined. "No really, the bank is sound. Scotland is part of Great Britain but has its own money. No, I don't think it is leaving the union. Yes, comrade, a strange country..."*

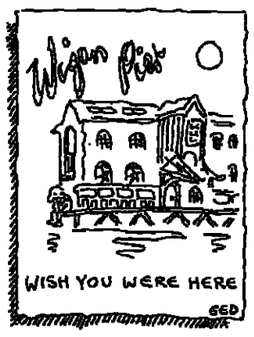
Cash before art?

NEXT month Lord Rothschild, Elizabeth Esteve-Coll, Sir Eric Ash and other members of the governing council at the Royal College of Art meet to chose a new rector. Staff and students are said to favour a scholar to take over the reins from Jocelyn Stevens, but the college council is conscious of the need to appoint someone who can combine artistic sensibilities with the ability to fight bruising battles in Whitehall over funding.

Names in the frame include Sir Terence Conran, who already sits on the council, Christopher Frayling, the RCA's humanities professor, and – a name that seems to be linked with every big job in the arts world – Jeremy Isaacs. But the smart money is on David Sherlock, a Stevens man who started work yesterday as development director at the college. He seems perfectly poised to take over as rector next July.

Prize bore

ENTRIES for the world's worst postcard competition are now all in, and the prize looks likely to be awarded north of Watford. More than 5,000 cards have been submitted, and judging begins today. John Dovey, the organiser, says: "Most entries have come from the north, where all those hideous civic buildings were put up after the war. A postcard of Preston's bus garage, for example, is a strong contender for a prize."



But Tim Austin of *The Times* insists the bus garage is far too interesting. "If my entry of Barnoldswick post office does not win there is no justice," he says. The south's best chance of success lies with a mind-numbingly boring picture of the Croydon flyover. The sender of the winning entry will enjoy a weekend in Wigan, the town sponsoring the competition, with an adventurous bonus: a stop-over in Milton Keynes.

No saki comments

ONLY one permanent feature will remain from this month's Japan festival in London: the Kyoto Garden in Holland Park. Ironically it is the one exhibit in the whole extravaganza which contains virtually nothing from the land of the rising sun. In true Japanese style, the garden is based on a variety of stone features, such as boulders from Inverness, slate from Ireland and white Purbeck stone from the Dorset coast. The plants themselves came from nurseries in the home counties.

Chris Churchman from HLM Landscape, which is overseeing the project, says: "The stones and plants were local, as a Japanese garden should be seen as part of the landscape and match the indigenous countryside."

There will, however, be at least one concession to Japanese taste. Scotland may have provided some of the rocks, but at the opening later this month by the Prince of Wales and the Crown Prince of Japan, guests will be served Japanese whisky.

● *As General Manuel Noriega finally goes on trial in Miami this week, few Americans realise that for the last 18 months they have been not only housing the multi-millionaire former dictator, but providing him with pocket money too. Under the Geneva Convention, Noriega is classed as a prisoner of war. This means that throughout his imprisonment, the American government has been obliged to pay him 50 dollars a month to keep him in something less than the style to which he used to be accustomed.*

TIMES PAST — THE TIMES

RESCUING THE ROUBLE

The old Soviet Union's shareholders, the Congress of People's Deputies, met in Moscow yesterday to consider what could be salvaged from their politically bankrupt enterprise. Before them was a plan, brokered by a chastened President Gorbachev, to create a kind of economic community from the 11 of the 15 republics which might be interested in a new Union Treaty.

New relationships have to be formed between the newly sovereign republics. But this unpredictable process, which will take months to complete, need not impede efforts to reform the economy by the Russian prime minister, Ivan Silayev, and his adviser Grigory Yavlinsky, who dominate the "economic committee" that has provisionally replaced the Soviet government.

The Baltic states, outside the 11, have already indicated their intention to control their own money supply. The other republics may follow their example. Full sovereignty usually implies a degree of currency autonomy, though in Western Europe this is nowadays at best partial. It is too early to say whether the rouble will remain the main unit of exchange and account throughout.

Under the impact of an inflation rate of between 100 and 200 per cent, rising to perhaps 1,000 per cent by the end of the year according to one prediction, the rouble may lose much of its utility even inside the Russian Federation. Until it is stabilised, a large proportion of internal and most external transactions will be conducted in hard currencies or barter. But confidence in the rouble can still be restored by the right combination of political and economic policies, in which the Russian government must set the pace.

The 11 republics may agree to subordinate themselves to an independent reserve bank based in Moscow, with a governing council on which republics would be represented, but with strong constitutional guarantees against interference either from the Russian or other governments. But this is no panacea. Unless rooted in an anti-inflationary political culture, such institutions are vulnerable to inflationary pressure from those who appoint their executives.

The main reason why a reserve bank for a large part of the present Union might be less inclined to inflation than a bank in an individual republic is psychological. It is often easier for experts to prevail against a disparate assortment of political masters than against a single government bent on undermining the currency. And foreign governments, institutions and businessmen might have greater confidence in a currency backed by the gold reserves of the former Soviet Union than in one supported by a republic's capital assets, often meagre.

The fate of a currency is determined by the policies of those who issue it. So great is the loss of domestic confidence in the Soviet state, so strong is the desire of the smaller nations to manage their own affairs, that the republicanisation of money may be unstoppable. If the centrifugal forces of radical nationalism prove stronger than those now being marshalled in favour of supranational control, the market will decide which currencies to trust and which not. But if hyperinflation is damaging to a centrally planned economy like the old Soviet Union, it can be catastrophic for a capitalist one.

While the republics strike their bargains, the awesome responsibility for averting a collapse of the currency rests on Mr Silayev and his committee as residual authority for the Soviet economy. Whatever monetary arrangements emerge in the long term, foreign banks and international financial institutions are unlikely to be willing to lend to any of the individual republics until they know what is going to happen to debts which were incurred and guaranteed by the Soviet government.

Similarly, there will have to be some form of agreement on the allocation of the Soviet Union's large gold reserves. At least in the short term, some central monetary authority will be required to resolve these questions, before outside lenders and investors can have confidence in separate monetary authorites and currencies in the republics. None of these difficulties, however, need inhibit privatisation and the break-up of state monopolies. And the stimulus such steps would give to economic reform must not be long delayed.

RIOTING IN PROPORTION

How serious is a street riot? The idea makes respectable citizens fear for themselves and society, and politicians and policemen reach for their verbal bludgeons or actual truncheons. But a riot is not a political event. It is a phenomenon of crowd psychology, serious simply because of damage and injury caused and because of the apparent loss of control by the authorities. Political remedies "to prevent it happening again" are probably a waste of time and money.

Few public disorders can have had such bizarre origins as the riots in Oxford and Cardiff over the past few days. In Oxford, youths fought police who were trying to stop them using a local housing estate, Blackbird Leys, as a motor-racing circuit. In Cardiff, a crowd sided with shopkeepers in a legal battle over the sale of bread. In each instance the police donned riot gear to protect themselves from missiles and even petrol bombs. Deplorable, yes; unexpected, certainly; significant, no.

Recent riots in Brooklyn, New York, between Hasidic Jews and blacks were widely greeted in the United States as marking a collapse in community relations. The concern was not just at hatred and violence at one time in one place, but that the internal peace of the US can be menaced by any group with a grievance. The Brooklyn riots were interpreted by commentators in the American press as a warning of worse to come and as a sign of dissolution in the cohesion of American society.

Such despair seems from abroad as premature as announcing the total collapse of racial harmony in Cardiff because one of the two shopkeepers is Asian. There is tension between Hasidic and black in Brooklyn, certainly, but so there is between all ethnic groups crammed into the inner space of great cities. They parade their "attitude" — the new American word for pride in group identity — defiantly in the streets. The danger is that the police also display "attitude", and may easily find themselves included in the mix as just one more tribe bidding for street ascendancy.

Research — and experience from British inner cities in the riots of 1981 — suggests that riots are imitative, influenced by television. Once started, the escalation can seem legitimised by instances elsewhere. Where else did the youths of Oxford and Cardiff learn about Molotov cocktails if not from the screen? When an unruly crowd issues a challenge to the police for the control of the streets, it is useless to seek deep explanations for what follows. "It is always best on these occasions to do what the mob do," said Pickwick. The riot becomes a rough kind of competitive team-sport. Law and order versus anarchy gives way to "our side" versus "their side".

Rarely do the police emerge from post-riot enquiries with an A100 rating for tact and gentleness. In many cases of urban riot, the police are recruited from a different racial group from the rioters. Sometimes they are also part-timers, called out specifically to deal with the unrest, a serious difficulty in Northern Ireland in the past. Such part-timers are often under-trained, the worst people to handle the delicacies of a street disturbance on its way towards riot. Many riots, such as those in Handsworth in 1985, originated in insensitive policing of the intricate, often illicit, local economy.

All this means is that policing of city disturbance requires not overreaction from police or public but good police intelligence and first-class training. The British police have mastered such skills as sweating out a hostage siege, applying psychological techniques to build relationships and eventually coaxing the hostage-taker into surrender. They should be no less cool in their response to a challenge on the streets.

DRIVEN TO DESPAIR

Mr Toad of *Wind in the Willows* was immoderately keen on his shiny red motor car. "Poop, poop!" he would shout as he sped towards the inevitable prang. These days his joy at being behind a wheel is shared by few. According to a survey conducted by Gallup for Shell UK Oil, nearly two thirds of drivers say they seldom drive purely for pleasure. Almost half find driving less pleasurable now than two years ago. Could this be the answer to the greenhouse effect?

Transport economists are split into two camps. One points to the inexorable rise in British car ownership: an extra five million in the past decade, bringing the total to 23 million. The transport department predicts a further rise of 142 per cent by the year 2025 and has based its roadbuilding programme on this projected demand. Yesterday's findings support the alternative theory: that the growth in car use is self-limiting. The more congested the roads, the less attractive driving becomes until people decide either not to make the journey at all or to use other forms of transport.

The romance went out of motoring long ago. In the 1950s and 1960s many families found for the first time that they could afford a car. The freedom they won to visit town or country on a whim unshackled by bus or railway timetables was exhilarating. Now that excitement is confined mainly to young people driving their own car for the first time. For the rest, motoring is grim.

Moreover, in an effort to make driving more comfortable — and thus, in theory, more pleasurable — manufacturers have achieved the opposite. Synchromesh gearboxes, powered steering, silky suspension, all make driving smoother and easier, but also more boring. Such fun as remains to be had now comes from what are termed "in-car entertainment systems".

Traffic merely increases the boredom and succeeds in turning ennui to fury. Commuting by car in all but the most rural of areas is unpleasant, matched only by commuting by train, bus or Tube. The logic of yesterday's survey is that, instead of exploring other modes of transport, drivers may start to ask themselves the wartime question: "Is my journey really necessary?" For those with enlightened employers, the answer may be "No". A telephone, home computer and fax machine may do just as well.

Such a change need not be incompatible with increased car ownership. It is car use that is harmful; the shiny new red motor sitting in the driveway can still produce a warm feeling as a status symbol. Indeed, with motorways and trunk roads afflicted by an almost constant stream of traffic, drivers could do worse than enjoy the pleasures of the road vicariously. Only in car manufacturers' breathless advertisements does driving become fun again. This could mark the dawning of a new age of virtual reality.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Soviet upheaval a lesson for Europe

From Viscount Watkinson, CH

Sir, May I support the warning, implicit in your leader (August 31), that events in the Soviet Union are masking the rapid approach of equally far-reaching decisions on the future of Europe.

Plans for a federal Europe are likely to be tabled by the Commission before Christmas. Serious doubts about their practicality can only be reinforced by the inability of the EC to find a significant role to play in the Balkans, Eastern Europe, the Soviet Union or the Middle East.

A successful European economic community enlarged by the countries of Eastern Europe is one thing and perhaps enough to be going on with.

An elaborate plan for a federal Europe as a player in world affairs is quite another and one that is clearly against British interests.

Yet it is a little unfair to expect the prime minister to take what may be a lone stand in the forthcoming negotiations unless he is supported by a country that has informed itself of the vital importance of what is going on.

Reshaping Russia is gripping stuff. But are we sufficiently aware that the European house in which we must live is up for grabs in a few months' time?

Yours sincerely,
WATKINSON,
Tyne House,
Shore Road, Bosham,
Chichester, West Sussex.
August 31.

From the Chairman of British Steel

Sir, Your editorial of August 22, "Europe after the coup", which argued for the opening of the EC market to Eastern Europe, included steel among products in which Eastern Europe was stated to be most competitive.

The reality is that steelmaking processes are still widely in use in Eastern Europe which were abandoned many years ago in the West, whilst only about 20 per cent of steel is continuously cast there against 90 per cent in the EC. Setting aside the USSR where the picture is even worse, it has taken about 75 per cent more people to produce half the tonnage of steel in Eastern European countries compared with the European Community.

Output of crude steel has been extremely high in relation to finished product, reflecting production lost through the process route as a result of operational inefficiencies; quality is generally poor; and pollution very heavy.

In summary, steel production in Eastern Europe is not remotely competitive with that of the West. Sales have been achieved only because prices bear no relation at all to costs, the difference being made up by public subsidy.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT SCHOLEY, Chairman,
British Steel plc,
9 Albert Embankment, SE1.
August 28.

From Mr R. Suchyj

Sir, In his address to the Supreme Soviet (report, August 27) Mr Gorbachev mentioned "the question of compensation to those citizens who are unwilling to remain outside the union and move".

Surely Moscow should be paying compensation to those it has enslaved for over 70 years. Ukrainians, for example, could claim for loss of property, the mismanagement of their country, persecution, enforced deportation, imposed exile and attempted genocide. Other nationalities can no doubt provide their own lists.

Yours faithfully,
R. SUCHYJ,
27 Norton Drive,
Norton Tower,
Halifax, West Yorkshire.
August 27.

From Sir Nicholas Fairbairn QC, MP for Perth and Kinross (Conservative)

Sir, Pondering the courage of Boris Yeltsin during the coup, I recalled the words of Thomas Muir in the Court of Justiciary in Edinburgh in 1793 and cast in stone on the great obelisk of Calton cemetery, which overlooks St Andrew's House, Scotland's nearest to the Lubyanka

I have devoted myself to the cause of the people: it is a good cause: it shall ultimately prevail: it shall finally triumph.

It has taken 74 years to prove the great truth of Muir's sagacity. God bless Mother Russia.

I am, Sir,
NICHOLAS FAIRBAIRN,
House of Commons.
August 29.

Changes in British eating habits

From Mrs K. Dixon-Kloosterman

Sir, Dr Purcell's observations (British Association report, August 28) about the dramatic changes in UK eating habits and her conclusion that this may induce women to feel guilty about not providing proper meals for their families are confirmed in the results of our recent research across Europe.

From the extensive attitudinal survey of European consumers we have conducted, it emerges that as many as 50 per cent of British women feel guilty if they don't prepare a proper evening meal. This proportion is much higher than elsewhere in Europe, with West Germany, where only 16 per cent of women share these pangs of guilt, at the other extreme.

Although the UK leads the way in the amount of time spent eating and/or drinking outside the home, our analysis none the less indicates that the British still like to spend time in their own kitchen. In comparison with other Europeans, UK women spend at least as much or more time preparing their own food. Interestingly, British men appear to be noticeably more eager than their continental counterparts to test their own culinary skills, and male involvement in food preparation is in fact highest in the UK.

Add to this the widespread use of the microwave (the UK has the highest penetration level), and it is hardly surprising that preparing food on the whole appears to be regarded as less of a chore in the UK than in most other European countries. But the interesting thesis emerging from all this is that as women get more assistance in the kitchen, they appear to feel more guilty about not doing the cooking themselves.

Given these results, I believe we should not take the US as a prototype of our future eating habits. American lifestyles and attitudes in many ways are very dissimilar to those prevailing in Europe. The amount of time spent commuting, the widespread availability and range of fast food, the much higher proportion of working women are not yet mirrored in Europe, and there are no guarantees that they ever will be.

Yours faithfully,
K. DIXON-KLOOSTERMAN
(European business consultant),
The Henley Centre,
2-4 Tudor Street, EC4.
August 28.

From Mr Alan Morris

Sir, There is increasing evidence that the well balanced, home-cooked, three-meals-a-day diet assumed by successive official agencies to be our staple is now dead (if indeed it ever existed).

I presume, therefore, that the recommended daily allowances of vitamins, minerals and trace elements will be revised and that there will be less timidity about recommending, say, multi-vitamin supplements.

Of course, a balanced, fresh and healthy diet should be our goal, but in the real Britain many people are far from it. If you have a Californian cook of southern Italian descent, live near a market and know what you are eating you will be all right. Otherwise you might need a little help.

Yours faithfully,
ALAN MORRIS,
8 Sandy Lane, Aspley Heath,
Woburn Sands, Bedfordshire.
August 28.

Religion's role

From Mr A. R. Longley

Sir, That there are those in Soviet society — and not only "the more sophisticated members of the Orthodox hierarchy" (Clifford Longley, August 24) — who recognise the need of outside stimulus in religious matters was vividly demonstrated to me during a visit three months ago to Perm, a city of one million inhabitants 900 miles to the east of Moscow.

I was a member of a delegation led by the chairman of the Oxfordshire Council for Voluntary Action, whose objective was an exchange of views at a four-day conference on the role and function of the voluntary sector in the United Kingdom.

On arrival, our hosts insisted that the agenda be expanded to include a special session on religion. Fortunately, one member of the delegation was able to describe the pastoral and social work of the Roman Catholic church; and both his contribution and my own — an outline of the meaning and effect of the advancement of religion as a legally recognised charitable purpose — gave rise to a lively debate.

Clearly, any attempt to transplant to the USSR our legal concept of religion — still less of charity as a whole, which is unique amongst the countries of Western Europe — would be wholly misguided. It is, however, equally clear that initiatives at local rather than Union and republican level are likely to meet with an enthusiastic response from those in the USSR anxious to promote change in the field of voluntary — not least religious — endeavour.

Yours faithfully,
ADRIAN R. LONGLEY,
7 Kersley Street,
Battersea, SW11.
August 26.

Protecting Berkshire

From Mr D. Barr Miller

Sir, Your leader, "Forever lost" (August 27), on land usage was particularly apposite from the point of view of recent proposals to allow greenfield housing development in an already overcrowded part of the royal county of Berkshire.

Our county council proposes that up to 10,000 houses might be built, some 5,000 of them south of the M4, south of Reading. If allowed to happen, that would be the beginning of a surburban sprawl which, in due course, might join Reading to Basingstoke.

Needless to say, the developers are providing plans liberally sprinkled with golf courses and other leisure amenities designed to meet the needs of communities which do not exist at the expense of those which do.

At the same time, Mr Heseltine, the environment minister, is proposing that major development in the South-east should be in the east Thames corridor (report, August 19), which would allow the revitalising of much derelict land.

Should the emphasis on development shift from west over to east of London then the pressure on Berkshire to accept additional homes and industry would ease. Meantime, local concern about the county council's proposals could be relieved by guidance from the centre.

Yours faithfully,

D. BARR MILLER (Chairman,
Mid Berks and North Hants
Association),
Sunnydown Cottage,
Beech Hill,
Reading, Berkshire.
August 30.

Pub-owners' reply

From the Managing Director, J. D. Wetherspoon Organisation Ltd

Sir, The leading article, "Time, gentlemen, please" (August 27), compounded the myth, fanned by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, that anti-competitive aspects of the brewing industry emanate from the tied-house system.

The industry was very competitive at the manufacturing level before MMC involvement, with many brewers competing to supply 50 per cent of beer sold outside the tie to clubs, untied pubs and supermarkets.

In contrast countries such as Australia and the USA have no tied houses and one or two brewers dominate the market. Even in Northern Ireland, where tied houses are rare, Guinness and Bass have a duopoly, so that net prices paid by free-trade publicans for beer are far higher than in England.

There was, however, strong evidence of regional monopolies at retail level, with over 25 per cent of pubs in 50 per cent of Britain's licensing divisions being controlled by one owner. A simple solution would have been to limit pub-owners to 20 per cent of the outlets in any division, in complete consistency with established anti-trust principles necessary for the operation of free markets.

If there is sufficient competition at retail level pub-owners, brewers or not, will be forced by consumer demand to provide the choice of beers customers want at prices they can afford.

It is irrelevant to the consumer how many pubs a brewery owns nationally provided it does not own an excessive percentage of outlets in his neighbourhood.

The need for a monopolies commission to prevent excessive concentrations of ownership in the economy is not in doubt, but if its powers are expanded to permit wholesale restructuring of industries then Eastern Europe has many examples of the dire economic consequences which can follow.

Yours faithfully,
TIM MARTIN,
Managing Director,
J. D. Wetherspoon
Organisation Ltd.,
767 High Road,
North Finchley, N12.
August 28.

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Pen-pushers all

From Lady Antonia Fraser

Sir, In his letter (August 31) Mr Michael Grosvenor Myer calls attention to the distinction in your birthday column of August 24 between Antonia Byatt, writer, Martin Amis, author, and Brian Moore, novelist. On August 27 I was baffled — but intrigued — to find myself described as "writer" where Michael Holroyd was "author".

It reminded me that in 1973, for Japan, I was advised to have a visitor's card printed. I described my profession, once more on advice, as "author". But when I got to Japan I was told I was too young to be "author", which was the equivalent of sage (G. Bernard Shaw was the example given); at my then age of 41 I should have been content with "novelist" — even though I had never written a novel.

Obviously *The Times*'s rules are different from the Japanese, since Brian Moore is older than Antonia Byatt and Martin Amis, so that here "novelist" has no connotation of youth. But what does "writer" mean? Will Michael Holroyd get to be a writer in three years' time (he's three years younger than me) or is it about something else? Will I ever get to be an author? I think that we, or at any rate he and I, sharing a birthday I hope for many years to come, should be told.

Yours faithfully,
ANTONIA FRASER,
52 Campden Hill Square, W8.
September 1.

From Mr Rodney Willett

Sir, May I suggest that the derivations of the words used to describe "pen-pushers" may help Mr Michael Grosvenor Myer? Thus "writer" (Old English — writan — to scratch runes on bark), "author" (Latin — augere — to increase) and "novel" (Latin — novella — new).

I push this pen as a writer (of technical literature) and as an author (of this letter) who is married to a novelist.

Yours faithfully,
RODNEY WILLETT,
4 Glazebrook Court,
South Brent, Devon.
August 31.

Mar Lodge estate

From Mr Tim O'Donovan

Sir, It appears that the very worthy proposal to purchase the Mar Lodge estate and place it in some form of public trusteeship could falter through lack of funds (Lord Hunt and Lord Chorley, August 26).

Might not the £5 million still needed to acquire this most important "open space" heritage be raised by public subscription to celebrate next year the 40th anniversary of the Queen's accession?

The protection of this "world heritage site", bordering on the Balmoral estate, would be a fitting tribute to the outstanding service Queen Elizabeth II has given to this country and the Commonwealth.

It would give people all around the world an opportunity to record their respect and appreciation to a remarkable and much-loved Queen.

Yours faithfully,
TIM O'DONOVAN,
Mariners,
The Avenue,
Datchet,
Berkshire.
August 27.

Weather wise

From Mr Brian Perkins and Ms Charlotte Green

Sir, We were intrigued by Alan Hamilton's atmospheric charting of the weather and shipping forecasts (August 26). With regard to his observation — "We never get to know whether Radio 4 announcers wear loud checked jackets, sport moustaches or flash manic grins" — here's the general synopsis of our meteorological habits.

Brian Perkins, known to his friends as Portland Bill, disdains the donning of jackets, checked, flying or dinner; Charlotte Green, the clean-shaven belle of Benbecula, admits to a penchant for oilskins and sou'westers.

As to manic grins: moderate with chuckles, rising hysterically. Frequent hurricane-force screams of laughter.

Yours, drifting slowly northwards,
BRIAN PERKINS,
CHARLOTTE GREEN,
British Broadcasting Corporation,
Broadcasting House,
Portland Place, W1.
September 1.

Evasive action

From Mr Clive Brooks

Sir, I find that the message on my answerphone (letter, August 29), "I am either out or pretending to be out, please leave a message", offends no one.

Yours faithfully,
CLIVE BROOKS,
Fernyhill House,
Orleton by Stanford Bridge,
Worcestershire.

From Dr R. M. Pittilo

Sir, The only excuses for not leaving a message on my answering machine that I cannot argue with are, "I refuse to speak to these machines", and "the line was busy when I tried". The latter is more risky as I am less inclined to believe it when my machine is empty of messages, but it has the advantage of being applicable to fax machines.

Yours faithfully,
R. MICHAEL PITTILO,
59 Hilley Field Lane,
Fetcham, Surrey.

From Commander R. S. Stevenson, RN (retd.)

Sir, "I tried to ring you several times but I kept getting your answerphone".

Yours faithfully,
RONALD STEVENSON,
Watt House,
Green Hammerton, York.

From Mr M. J. L. Furniss

Sir, Go on the offensive instead. Most people, I find, entertain a significant doubt about the reliability of their answerphones and "you mean you didn't get the message I left the other day" seems to work quite well.

Yours etc.,
MICHAEL FURNISS,
Vallance House,
1 Vallance Road,
Hove, East Sussex.

From Mr Ron Clark

Sir, "I telephoned but your answering machine seemed to have run out of tape".

Yours faithfully,
RON CLARK,
53 Preston Road,
Upper Norwood, SE19.

From Mr P. M. B. Savage

Sir, "My dear, I tried and tried, but I just can't cope with those funny answering machines. They strike me dumb."

Yours faithfully,
PATRICK SAVAGE,
Aynhoe Park,
nr Banbury, Oxfordshire.

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SOCIAL NEWS

Forthcoming marriages

Mr R.J. Fage and Miss C.G.L. Gent
The engagement is announced between Rupert, second son of Mr and Mrs A.P. Fage, of *Little Kingshill, Buckinghamshire*, and Catharine, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs G.N. Gent, of Turleigh, Wiltshire.

Mr J.M. Feroze and Miss A.A. Macalister
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, youngest son of Sir Rustam and Lady Feroze, of Beckenham, Kent, and Ailsa, daughter of Mr and Mrs Douglas Macalister, of Sevenoaks, Kent.

Mr R.J. Harling and Miss J.M. Harrison
The engagement is announced between Russell, elder son of Major Leslie Charles and Mrs Margaret Jean Harling, of Harrow, and Joanna, third daughter of Dr Frederick Alexander and Mrs Rosemary Erica Harrison, of Linton, Cambridge.

Captain N.C. Hesra, Welsh Guards, and Miss K. Bois
The engagement is announced between Nicholas Charles, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Thomas Hearn, of Court-at-Street, Kent, and Katherine, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Herbert Bois, of Närsjö Gard, Eskilstuna, Sweden.

Mr T.J. Lowe and Miss F.H. Mortimer
The engagement is announced between Tim, elder son of Mr and Mrs Jeremy Lowe, of Great *Bookham, Surrey, and Fiona*, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs John Mortimer, *also of Great* Bookham.

Dr M.S. Marshall and Miss S.J. Papineau
The engagement is announced between Marsh, only son of Mr *Marsh Marshall and the late* Mrs Marshall, of Washington, DC, and Sarah, *only daughter of* the late Mr and Mrs Owen *Papineau, of London.*

Mr C.D. Mathews and Miss J. Wilson
The engagement is announced *between Christopher, son of Mr* and Mrs Peter Mathews, of *Sydney, Australia, and Jane*, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Hugh Wilson, *of Marlow*, Buckinghamshire.

Sir Robert Sherston-Baker, Bt and Miss V.R.A. Baird
The engagement is announced between Robert, only son of Lady Leach, of St Saviour, *Jersey*, and the late *Sir* Humphrey Sherston-Baker, Bt, and Vanessa, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs C.E.A. Baird, of *Grouville, Jersey.*

Mr B.R.E. Thorne and Miss A.H. Morrow
The engagement is announced between Ben, younger son of Mr Fred Thorne, of Ashtead, Surrey, and Mrs Jill Thorne, of Little Chart, Kent, and Angela, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Cecil Morrow, of Maghera, Co Londonderry, Northern Ireland.

Marriages

M J.F. Ferrandiz and Miss J.A.P. Landrey
The marriage took place on Saturday, August 31, at Farm Street Church, Mayfair, of M Jean-François Ferrandiz and Miss Jayne Landrey.

A reception was held at The London Marriott and the couple left to live in Andorra.

Mr C.J. Hollis and Miss L.E. Stewart-Roberts
The marriage took place on Saturday, at St Peter's, Hamsey, of Mr Christopher Hollis, son of the late Mr Malory Hollis and of Mrs Hollis, of Fernhurst, Sussex, to Miss Lucy Stewart-Roberts, daughter of Mr and Mrs Andrew Stewart- Roberts, *of Offham, Sussex. The Bishop* of Lewes officiated, assisted by the Rev Derek Bastide.

The bride, who was given in *marriage by her father*, was attended by Polly Lavelle, James Thomas and Alexander Young. Mr Tom Dickins was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride.

Mr I.A. Vesey and Ms S. Forsyth
The wedding between Mr Ian Alexander Vesey and Ms Samantha Forsyth, of Birmingham, England, was held near Boulder, Colorado, USA, *on Saturday, August 31, 1991.* The Hon Judge Alfred C. *Harrell, Jnr, officiated.*

The couple will honeymoon *in the Grand Canyon* and its environs.

Memorial service

Mrs Phoebette Sitwell
The Lord Mayor of Westminster was represented by the Deputy Lord Mayor and Deputy Lady Mayoress of Westminster, accompanied by members of the council, at a memorial service for Mrs Phoebette Sitwell held yesterday in the Chapel of King Henry VII, Westminster Abbey. Canon Paul Bates officiated, assisted by the Rev Paul Ferguson, Chaplain and Sacrist, and Prebendary Gerard Irvine.

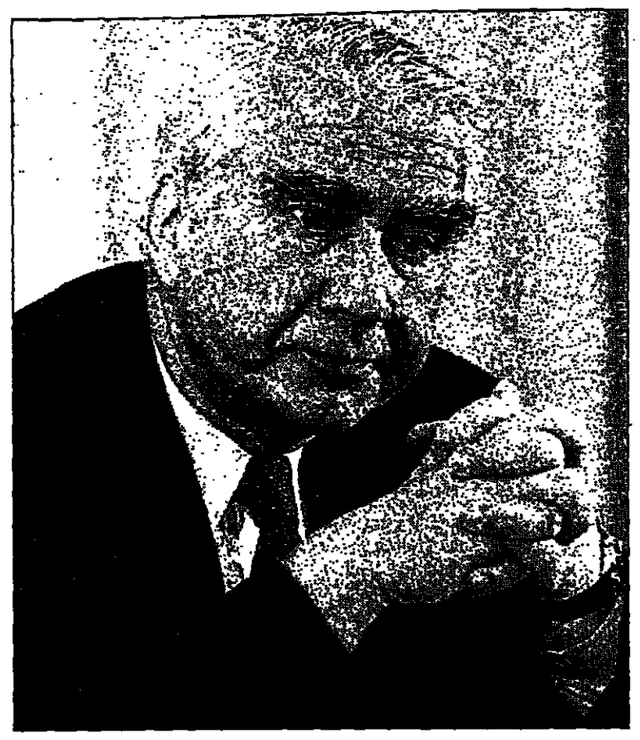
Mr Sebastian O'Kelly, grandson, and Miss Lucy Bedford, granddaughter, read the lessons and Lord Selsdon, son, gave an address. Among those present were:

Mr Damian Sitwell (son). Dr and the Hon Mrs Patrick O'Kelly and Mr and Mrs Michael Bedford (sons-in-law and daughters), the Hon Callum Mitchell-Thomson, Mr Shane O'Kelly, Mr Oliver Bedford, Leo Bedford and Zoe Bedford (grandchildren), Mrs J Swithinbank (sister-in-law), Mr and Mrs David Brigas, Mr and Mrs Peter Brigas, Mr and Mrs Michael Briggs, Mrs Linda Eickert, Mrs Joan Williams, Mr and Mrs Donald Merritt, Mr and Mrs François Cubitt, Captain and the Hon Mrs James Pugh, Miss Emma Pugh, the Hon Mrs Nicholas Bedford, Viscount Hampden, Lady Rose-Monjo (Westminster Children's Society), Lady Elizabeth Hornsby, the Hon Mrs Allenby, Sir Reginald and Lady Pollett, Sir Derick Ashe, Professor Sir Alan and Lady Harris, Lady Howard-Dobson, Sir Michael and Lady Richardson, Sir Brian Warren, Mr Anthony and Diana Simone Prendergast, Mr Tom Collingwood (director, Abbey Community Association) with Councillor Alex Segal (chairman) and trustees and members of the council: the Rev Gordon Taylor (chairman, William Shellon's Educational Foundation) with Mrs J Rustage; and Miss Alison McWilliam (matron, Unified Westminster Almshouses).

OBITUARIES

ALEXANDRE HAY

Alexandre Hay, president of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), 1976-87, died in Geneva on August 23 aged 71. He was born on October 29, 1919.



DURING Alexandre Hay's eleven years' leadership the International Committee of the Red Cross gained increased recognition for its work for victims of conflict throughout the world and expanded its humanitarian operations in a way unprecedented since the second world war. From a staff of less than 500 with operational bases in fewer than 20 countries, the organisation more than doubled the *size of its activities and its personnel.* While this expansion was driven by humanitarian need, the quality of the ICRC's response was in great part due to Hay's personal attributes and his experience in diplomacy and banking.

Elected to the Red Cross's international committee (an independent, all-Swiss body) in 1975 while vice-president of the Swiss National Bank, Hay became the organisation's full-time president the following year. He once remarked that, after a career in international finance and economics, he imagined that life at the ICRC's stately nineteenth-century headquarters would allow him more time for his leisure pursuits, including listening to his extensive collection of jazz recordings. But international developments, even after the ending of the Vietnam war, were to dictate a different rhythm: Lebanon, East Timor, Cambodia, the Boat People, Central America and numerous continuing crises in Africa combined to make exceptional calls on the ICRC's mission as a neutral and impartial body, ensuring assistance and protection for the victims on all sides.

Alexandre Hay relished the role of a "hands-on" president, chairing the weekly meetings of the executive board and directorate and analysing reports from the committee's field delegates whom he met whenever possible to hear of their problems at first hand. His style of leadership, however, remained consultative and persuasive.

But he saw his role as far more than that of the unseen helmsman. He travelled more extensively than any of his predecessors, carrying out around 150 foreign visits, often for the purpose of persuading heads of state to comply with the provisions of the *Geneva conventions — in plain terms*, to respect the rights and dignity of hapless victims of conflict, both military and civilian. When his appeals for humanity went less than fully heeded Hay would sometimes make his indignation known, in some *startlingly frank* (by the ICRC's previous standards) public statements.

His public championing of the cause of the victims — not all of them *the subject of media headlines* — marked a change in the ICRC's image. Previously renowned (if not notorious) for *its sober pronouncements*, the organisation began taking a more outspoken stand on the problems impeding its work. Indeed, Alexandre Hay will go down in Red Cross history *as a great communicator.*

He also turned his personal qualities — modesty and quiet persuasion — to good effect, whether dealing with reluctant statesmen, promoting closer co-operation with international organisations or handling often complex issues within the Red Cross and Red Crescent movements, for example the expulsion from an International Red Cross conference of the South African government. The Geneva committee sought to prevent the expulsion because it did not want a political element to enter the conference, arguing that South Africa was a party to the Geneva convention and had a right to be there. But the action was taken through a block of votes led by African states.

While responding to increasing demands in the world's trouble spots — and overseeing radical modernisation of some of the ICRC's operation and fund-raising mechanisms — Alexandre Hay believed passionately in prevention being preferable to cure. The organisation's authority (strong morally, non-existent politically) needed to be reinforced through the teaching of humanitarian law world-wide, not only at specialised seminars but out in the field, directly to those with their fingers on the trigger, soldiers, and even guerrilla fighters. Hay encouraged the spread of campaigns to press for humanitarian behaviour in conflict, from the savannah of southern Africa to the forests and jungles of *Asia and Central America.*

This was an important factor in efforts to develop the ICRC's work on behalf of political detainees; these prisoners are not protected under the Geneva conventions and access to them — to check their conditions and to prevent or halt torture and killings — can be achieved only through patient negotiation and persuasion. The Hay years saw a major rise in ICRC protection visits to these detainees.

Alexander Hay studied law at Geneva university and was called to the bar in the city in 1944. From 1945 to 1953 he served with the Swiss foreign ministry, working in Berne and Paris before joining the National Bank. From 1964 to 1972 he was chairman of the European Monetary Agreement Committee. After retiring as ICRC president in 1987 he continued to work for the Red Cross, becoming president of the movement's commission on peace and of its world campaign for the protection of war victims.

He leaves his widow, Verena, and four children of his first marriage (to Hélène Morin Pons, who died in 1973).

DR FLORENCE SEIBERT

Dr Florence B. Seibert, a medical research chemist who invented the world's first reliable test for tuberculosis, died at St Petersburg, Florida, on August 23 aged 93. She was born in Easton, Pennsylvania, on October 6, 1897.

FLORENCE Seibert's discovery, which has saved the lives of millions over the past half century, might never have happened but for her own personal misfortune. In 1900 at the age of three she was stricken with infantile paralysis. Forced to wear braces on her legs from that time on, Seibert was unable to dance and play. Instead, she turned to academic pursuits and won a scholarship to Maryland's Goucher College where she got a bachelor's degree. Later she took a PhD in chemistry at Yale.

While studying at Yale Florence Seibert made her first major discovery: the isolation of bacterial contamination in distilled water that was causing fever in patients given intravenous injections. She devised a simpler and better distillation process which eliminated the germs, making injections safer.

Her crowning achievement came shortly before the second world war while working as a Guggenheim fellow at the University of Uppsala, Sweden. It was there that she devised a method of isolating tuberculosis protein molecules. She then made a purified extract of the TB bacilli and found it could be used as a test for the presence of the disease.

To that point, tuberculosis had been extremely difficult to diagnose in the early stages when it was still curable. Seibert discovered that if her solution was injected into the skin, it raised a hard red lump in patients exposed to the disease, although they displayed no other symptom. Those uninfected showed no reaction. Her test was adopted as standard in the United States in 1941 and by the World Health Organisation in 1952. It is still in use today.

Florence Seibert wrote many articles for scientific journals, and even after her retirement to Florida continued to conduct research into cancer until declining health forced her into a nursing home two years ago.

HANS WEIGEL

Hans Weigel, Austrian writer, died in Vienna on August 12 aged 83. He was born in 1908.

HANS Weigel, who has died after a long illness, was quintessentially Austrian. Although, like so many Austrian writers in the 1930s, he established his reputation in Berlin magazines, his most important work was always for Austrian, even specifically Viennese, consumption. He was one of the century's last great satirical journalists, for he operated in the tradition of Karl Kraus (upon whom Weigel wrote a most perceptive book, *Karl Kraus oder die Macht der Ohnmacht*, 1968, "Karl Kraus, the Power of Impotence") who published and wrote, almost single-handedly, the satirical magazine *Die Fackel* ("The Torch").

To think of Weigel without Kraus is impossible. Like Kraus he was a Jew, and like Kraus he was hated (by certain large sections of the public) for his mordant satire. Both men were also playwrights and translators and both championed the cause of the great Viennese satirical dramatist Johann Nepomuk Nestroy.

Yet Weigel maintained the caustic Kraustian tradition very much in his own manner. His attitude, for example, towards the anti-Semitism endemic in Austrian life, though famously hostile, did not resemble Kraus's in its detail. Lacking Kraus's creative genius — and that of playwrights such as Theodor Csokor and Fritz Hochwälder — his work remains untranslated and he figures only in books on specifically Austrian themes. But he was a force in Austrian letters and life, especially as a scourge of the anti-Semites.

Weigel began with dramatic criticism in periodicals and with brief satiric fantasies and farces for the little Viennese theatres. When Hitler annexed Austria in 1938 he left for Zurich, where he remained in exile until 1946. On his return he published his tragedy *Barrabas und der fünfzigste Geburtstag* ("Barrabas and the Fiftieth Birthday"); in 1946 also came the most notable of all his creative works, the novel *Der grüne Stern* ("The Green Star"), a memorable and brilliantly grotesque parody of Adolf Hitler's Nazi regime, which is unlucky not to have an English translation.

He is survived by his companion of many years, the celebrated Austrian actress Elfride Ott.

School announcements

Belmont Abbey School, Hereford
The Michaelmas Term at Belmont Abbey School begins today with Solemn Mass. Damian Collins is Head of School. Half-Term will be from Friday, October 18 to Sunday, October 27. The School Play, *Oz*, will take place from Wednesday, *December 11 to Saturday*, December 14. Term will conclude with a Service of Carols and Lessons on Sunday, December 15.

Brighton College
Michaelmas Term begins on September 3. Mr Ian Archer becomes Housemaster of Aldrich and Piers Rennie is Head of School. Boarders Open Evenings take place on Thursday, *September 26* and Friday, October 11. Open Day is on Saturday, October 19, when the guest of honour will be Sir Christopher Tugendhat. The Lower Sixth Entrance and Scholarship examinations take place on Wednesday, November 20. The Lower School Play *Dandy Dick*, will be on November 21 and 22 and the Christmas Concert is on Friday, November 29. The Old Brightonian Association dinner is on Saturday, December 1, and the Carol Services are on Sunday, December 8.

Entrance Scholarships for the new year have been awarded as follows:

Academic, 13+ Entry: Sayantan Panja (Top Scholarship), Andrew Wingate and James Fletcher, Brighton College Junior School; Carolyn Hare, Broadwater Manor; Jonathan Crown, St Christopher's, Hove; Christopher Cook, Brighton College and Brighton College Junior School, and Priya Soni, Broadwater Manor.

Sixth form Entry: Jessica Rowland, Hove Girls' School; Penelope Ellerton, Lenphill School, and Alison Greenhalgh, Battle Abbey.

Continuation Scholarships: Emily Rowland, Hangleton Park; Robert Linham, Brighton College Junior School; Rachel Jones and Kenji Yamamoto, Broadwater Manor, and Michael Coppins-Eaton, St Christopher's, Hove.

Music: Luke Baines, Alex Davis and James Turner, Brighton College Junior School.

Art: Mark Collington, Brighton College Junior School.

Exhibitions have been awarded to: Simon Boyd (Design and Technology), James Fletcher (Art), Michael Fisher (Academic) and Emma Francis (Art), Brighton College Junior School; Thomas Gayton (Modern Languages), Mowden School.

Charterhouse
The Oration Quarter starts today. M.R.F. Cash is Head of School; Maria Steyn is Head Girl. M.T. Daly is Captain of Football. The Seventh Sir Robert Birley Memorial Lecture will be delivered by the Right Hon Lord Prior on Wednesday, September 11, at 5pm. The Charterhouse Poetry Festival will be held from September 12 to 15. A Reunion will be held at the School on Saturday, October 12 for all those who left before OQ 1940 (details from the Recorder). The Founder's Day Dinner in London will be on Wednesday, December 11. Exeat is from October 18 to October 27. The Quarter ends on Wednesday, December 11.

Chigwell School
Michaelmas Term starts today and ends on Friday, December 13. Mr Christopher FitzGerald takes up his appointment as Under Master of the Junior School. The Head of School is Martin Franklin (Swallows) and the Captain of Soccer is Lee Taylor (Swallows). The School Play, *A Child's Christmas in Wales*, will take place from December 5 to 7, and the House Music Festival will be held on Thursday, October 17. The Carol Service in St Mary's Church is on Sunday, December 8. The School will hold an Open Meeting for parents of prospective pupils on Saturday, October 12, and an Open Meeting for parents of prospective Sixth Formers on Tuesday, October 15. Further information may be obtained from the Headmaster's Secretary.

Clifton College
The Michaelmas Term begins today. Richard Moffat (School House) is Head of School. *She Stoops to Conquer*, directed by Mr John Barratt, will be performed from November 6 to 9. The Advent Carol Service is on Sunday, December 1, and the Christmas Carol Service on Wednesday, December 11. The exeat is from Friday, October 18 to Sunday, October 27, and term ends on Friday, December 13. The Reunion for OCs who were at Bude in the 1940s will take place on October 12/13, and the Old Cliftonian AGM will be held at Clifton on Friday, November 15, preceding the Bristol Dinner.

Dean Close School
The Autumn Term begins today. Mr N.M. Blake becomes Housemaster of Court House. Melanie Bird is Head of School and Christopher Hillman is her Deputy. Benjamin Hyde is Captain of Rugby and Frances Allberry is Captain of Girls Hockey. The Old Decanian Games' Day will be on September 7 and the School's Open Day will be on October 12. The School's new Theatre/Concert Hall will be opened on October 29, by Sir Martin Gibbs, KCVO, Lord Lieutenant of Gloucestershire. The Choral Course for Preparatory Schools will be on November 5 and 7, and the School's Dramatic Society will be performing *Twelfth Night* on November 21, 22 and 23. The Advent Concert will be on December 8, and Carols by Candlelight will be on December 12 and 13. Term ends on December 14.

The Godolphin School, Salisbury
The Autumn Term begins on Wednesday, September 4, 1991. The school celebrates one hundred years on its present site this year, and a service of thanksgiving will be held in Salisbury Cathedral on Saturday, October 5, at 3pm, the culmination of a week of special Centenary events. Commemoration will be held in Salisbury on that day, and all past pupils are warmly invited to attend. Term ends after the Carol Service in Salisbury Cathedral at 2pm on Friday, December 13.

Greenacre School
The Autumn Term at Greenacre School for Girls, Banstead, begins today with 425 pupils. Donna Lewis is Head of School and Deputy Heads are Sophie Frost, Captain of Lacrosse, and Holly Bigwood, Vice-Captain of Games. Anna Robinson is Captain of Netball. An Open Morning for parents of prospective pupils will be held on Saturday, October 5. The Presentation of Certificates will take place on December 13 and the Carol Services will be held on December 16 and 17. Term ends on Wednesday, December 18.

King's School, Rochester
Michaelmas Term at King's School, Rochester begins today, Tuesday, September 3. C.H. Page will be Head of School, J. van den Broek, Deputy Head of School, and Miss A. Jones will be Head Girl.

Lavant House, Chichester
Term starts today at Lavant House with Katherine Horsley as Head Girl. *Scapino* will be performed on November 22 and 23; term ends with the Carol Service in the Cathedral on December 13.

Marlborough College
The Michaelmas Term at Marlborough College begins today. Mr Keith Budge succeeds Mr Peter Tinniswood as Housemaster of Cotton House, following the latter's appointment to be Master of Magdalen College School, Oxford. Mrs Anne Patching becomes Housemistress of Elmhurst, and Miss Fiona Lockton (Biology/Chemistry) joins as Housemistress of the fourth girls' house, New Court, opening this term. Mr James Rothwell becomes Director of Studies in succession to Miss Janet Tanner, who becomes Senior Mistress. Mr Jasper Selwyn becomes Head of Careers, and Dr Alison Sharp takes over command of the College CCF. Mr Julian Lloyd joins as Head of Classics and Mr Mark McVeigh as Head of Chemistry. Other new members of Staff are: Miss Elizabeth Bailey (French), Mr Nigerl Bedhotiya (Physics), Miss Nicola Bone (Art), Miss Susan Collison (French/Russian), Mr Timothy Gribbin (Business Studies), Mr Dennis Hemmings (French/German), Mr Richard Jowett (Mathematics), Mrs Anne Norbe Jowett (Mathematics), Mr Simon Lester (French), Miss Lucy Lush (Classics), Mr Nicholas Morgan (Spanish), Miss Lauralyn Pratt (University of Virginia Fellow), Mr Colin Smith (Computing/Maths), Miss Magali Larquey (French assistants).

Robert Walker (Summerfield) is Senior Prefect and Captain of School and Harriet Miller (Elmhurst) Captain of Girls' Hockey. The new International Languages Centre will be formally opened on Saturday, September 14. Reunion Day, for Old Marlburians at the College between 1950 and 1959, is October 5, and the Marlburian Club Annual Dinner is on November 6. The school play will be *The Castle of Perseverance* on November 15, 16 and 17. The Scholarship examinations for boys and girls wishing to enter the Sixth Form in September 1992 will be on November 18 and 19, and the closing date for entries is October 1. Exeat is from October 19 to November 3, and term ends on Friday, December 13.

Moira House School
Christmas Term at Moira House begins today and ends on Tuesday, December 10. Claire Watters and Anna Lowndes continue as School Knights. The Ingham Sixth Form Scholarship examinations will be held on Saturday, September 21. Full details are available from the Headmaster's Secretary. The annual Stratford expedition is from Friday, October 4 to Sunday, October 6. Open House is being held on Friday, October 11, when the school will be open to visitors all day. On Saturday, November 2, there will be a Triathlon in support of the work of an Old Girl at the Matumaini Centre for the Handicapped in Kenya. The Senior School drama production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* will take place on Thursday, November 28, Friday, November 29 and Saturday, November 30. The Service of Nine Lessons and Carols will be held at All Saints on Sunday, December 8, at 3pm. Between Saturday, December 7, and Saturday, December 14, there will be an exchange with Le Tréport.

Monmouth School
Michaelmas Term begins on September 3, and ends with the Carol Service on December 12. Mr J. Belbin joins the staff as Head of History and Mr H.C. Baldwin as Head of Information Technology. Mr A.J. Marriott becomes Housemaster of Weirhead House and Mr R.J.F. Sealy becomes Housemaster of Dean House. D.G.W.L. Morris will be Head of School and R.W. Price will be Captain of Rugby Football. The School Play, *The Tempest*, will be presented on November 28, 29 and 30. The Duncan Crane Memorial Lecture will be given by Dr Richard Luckett (Peyps' Librarian, Magadalene College, Cambridge) on September 27. There will be an Open Morning for prospective parents on Saturday, October 12.

St Edward's School, Oxford
Term starts today. A.J.R. Robinson is Head of School. The new all-weather surface will be opened on September 7, at 3pm and will be named The Fisher Field in memory of Frank Fisher, the seventh Warden. There will be performances of Haydn's *Creation* on October 5 and of Faure's *Requiem* on October 31. The Commemoration concert will take place on November 23, at 8pm. The School play is *Cabaret* to be performed on December 5, 6 and 7. The Scholarship examination and general entry assessment for Lower Sixth entry takes place on November, 1 and 2. Term ends on Friday, December 13, at 11.30 am.

St Paul's Preparatory School, Colet Court
The Governors have appointed Mr Geoffrey Thompson, BA, M.Ed, to succeed Mr W.N.J. *Howard who retires as Head*master in April 1992. Mr *Thompson is currently Head*master of the Licensed Victuallers' School, West Yorkshire.

Warminster School
The Michaelmas Term begins today, with 494 pupils in the school, and will end with the Carol Service on December 11. Benedict Rogers and Fleur Hicks-Lobbecke are Heads of School. Mrs Caroline Fielding, Mr Clive Blakey, Mr Tony Malley and Miss Elizabeth Fry join the teaching staff, and Mrs Caroline Tibble becomes Housemistress of Stratton House. OV Day and AGM will be held on Saturday, September 14, 1991.

Warwick School
Term at Warwick School begins on Wednesday, September 4, 1991. The Head of School is Ben Hudson. Speech Day is on Thursday, October 10, when the Guest of Honour will be Geoffrey J. Dear, QPM, DL, LL.B, HM Inspectorate of Constabulary. The Old Warwickian Weekend will be held on December 7 and 8.

Today's royal engagements

The Princess of Wales, as Patron of the British Youth Opera, will attend a performance of *La Boheme* at Sadler's Wells at 7.25.

Princess Alexandra will open the Galsworthy House Nursing Home, 177 Kingston Hill, Kingston-upon-Thames, at 11.00; and will open an exhibition of endangered species for the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF-UK) at Stansted Airport at 2.30.

Birthdays today

Mr Geoff Arnold, cricketer, 47; Air Marshal Sir Erik Bennett, 63; Dr Clare Burstall, educationist, 60; Miss Pauline Collins, actress, 51; Professor R. Cowell, director, Nottingham Polytechnic, 54; Air Marshal Sir Gerald Gibbs, 95; Admiral Sir David Hallifax, 64; the Rev A.H.H. Harbottle, Chaplain to The Queen, 66; Mr Al Jardine, singer, 49; Mr Graham Kentfield, chief cashier-designate, Bank of England, 51; the Right Rev V.S. Nicholls, former Bishop of Sodor and Man, 74.

Basil Hume

Reborn Europe must seek lost vision and values

THE search for God entails, of necessity, a commitment to the Kingdom and its values. That Kingdom is a present and future reality. Out of our fumblings and failures, our confusion and darkness, our dreams and ceaseless striving, the Lord of history reveals his kingdom among us and brings to pass his purposes.

Inevitably the process involves repeated death and resurrection. When everything seems lost and darkness reigns, the power of God is most clearly manifested in our weakness.

The Church, we know, has no political agenda. It has, however, a divine mission to proclaim the Kingdom, witness to its values, be a sign and source of universal reconciliation and human renewal. The Church and its members must be a prophetic voice in society. We must seek to discern the signs of the time and be agents of change.

The Church's mission is both universal and particular. There is a global responsibility as well as one which is national and continental. The concern for our immediate country and its neighbours must never for instance blind us to the needs of the Southern hemisphere. To the best of our ability we must keep alive in our continent the sense that solidarity, interdependence and practical concern embrace the whole planet.

Europe has before it a unique opportunity for rebirth and renewal and, at the same time the possibility of acute disorder and immense danger. The frozen truce of the Cold War appears in retrospect to have provided a certain precarious stability. In the East the peaceful revolution of 1989, the political storms buffeting the Soviet Union and the mounting threat of civil war in Yugoslavia are taking us into uncharted waters. Yet there is in the air the scent of liberty, a longing for democracy and decent government, and the belief that better times lie ahead.

In the West the movement towards greater unity, prosperity and secure peace seems now irreversible. But while there is every outward sign of success and progress the inner crisis remains. The plural society slides easily into confusion and incoherence. There is no agreement on the fundamental values which should underpin society. The prevailing unbelief and cynicism have left us without heroes, without illusions and with no vision to inspire.

The East after decades of lies, poverty and oppression looks to the West for political models and economic expertise. It will look alas in vain for values and vision. Both halves of our European family have

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for different reasons largely lost their souls and suffer an inner emptiness and loss of spiritual vitality. This presents us with an inescapable challenge and opportunity. The Church's response needs to go to the very heart of the divine mystery we profess.

Europe is a continent in search of identity, meaning and purpose. State communism is being consigned shamefacedly to the scrapheap. Liberal capitalism successfully meets many material needs but is extravagant in its use of irreplaceable resources and has little to say to the spirit of man. The peoples of Europe may well seek in religion and nationalism the answer to their deeper needs. But only a more spiritual, contemplative, truly renewed faith will save Europe's soul.

The Kingdom of God needs to be manifested first and foremost in the lives of individuals. Here is the rich soil in which the seed of God's world is to be sown. But the seed will not take root and flourish until individuals, taking responsibility for their own destiny, speak the truth and live the truth; unless they are vigilant in defence of their own liberty and that of others; unless they insist on justice for themselves and are scrupulously fair in dealing with others; unless they remain true to their deepest selves in all that they do. Society itself must reflect and foster those qualities and values.

Our task is not so much to convince people of their sinfulness but of their dignity and destiny as children of God, made in his image and called in Christ to make all things new. Nothing can totally disfigure that likeness or reduce the need to approach each individual with absolute respect. Does this sound like Utopia, the perfect and painless society? It is rather the Kingdom of God, the civilisation of love, to be built painfully, stone by living stone, out of human lives prepared to sacrifice all in the search for true life and lasting love. Do not tell them what to avoid; speak to them rather of what they can achieve. Give them ideals for which to strive: truth, freedom, justice, community. The European home we labour to build for all its peoples must enshrine these values.

There is so much still to learn from the horrors of this century and its solid achievements. I fear we may be entering a period of confusion and conflict with much suffering. Nevertheless a vision still beckons: the gradual realisation in social, economic and political terms of the Kingdom and its values. Absolute selfishness spells death at every level. Faith that one can renounce some part of one's perceived interests and live even more richly is a hard lesson to learn for individuals, groups and states. But it is that giant leap forward which will ensure the future of individuals and the human family.

This is an edited version of a sermon given by Cardinal Hume, Archbishop of Westminster, during the conference of the Catholic Theological Association of Great Britain in Leeds.

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I know of you, O Lord, only by report, but now I see you with my own eyes. Therefore I yield repenting in dust and ashes."
Job 42:5,6 REB

BIRTHS

ACHESON - On August 28th, at St Thomas' Hospital, to Catharine (née McCulloch) and Vincent, Christopher and Alexandra, a brother and sister for Jennifer.

ALLINSON - On August 28th, at Stirling Royal Infirmary, to Jessica (née Fell) and Gareth, a son, William Richard, a brother for Florence, Tom and Gordon.

ARNOLD - On July 7th, to Nicci and David, a son, Hugo William Thomas, a brother for Camilla.

BERNARD - On August 30th, to Catherine (née Vaughan-Fowler) and Andrew, a son, Edmund, a brother for Patrick.

BROWN - On August 24th in Melbourne Australia, to Katharine and Jonathan, a daughter Elizabeth Joan.

CLARKE - On August 31st 1991, at The Portland Hospital, London W1, to Barbara (née Farrier) and Anthony, a daughter (Victoria Emily Stockdale) a sister for James.

COLACICCHI - see Usher.

COUGHLAN - On August 18th, to Rosanne (née Gibb) and Brian, in Melbourne, Australia, a daughter, Zoe, a sister for Hannah.

CRANE - On September 1st, to Pamela and Simon, a daughter, Chantal Marise Emily, a sister for Charles.

DE'ARTH - On August 17th, to Lisa and Michael, a daughter, Olivia, a sister for Gabriella.

DOBOURN - On August 31st, to Claire (née Smith-Carington) and Andrew, a daughter, Camilla Kathleen Crichton.

HATHAWAY - On August 22nd, at Pilgrim Hospital, Boston, to Sarah (née Ginger) and Neil, a daughter, Jessica Alexandra.

HICKMAN CASEY - On August 27th, to Katherine (née Graham-Brown) and Julian, a son, Edward James Inaki.

HUDSON - On September 1st, in Brighton, to Bridget (née Echlin) and David, a son, Ben.

KANE - On August 26th, to Angela (née McHugh) and Graham, the gift of a son, Alexander George, a brother for Elizabeth.

KINGSHOTT - On August 22nd, at West London Hospital, to Caroline (née Wilie) and Brendan, a son, Benjamin Henry Piers, a brother for Sophie.

LANE - On August 28th, to Margaret (née Stubbs) and Robert, a daughter, Alice Ethel Anna, a sister for Edward and William. Deo Gratias.

MIDGLEY - On August 27th, 1991, at St Margaret's Hospital, Sydney, to Gail and David, a son, Edward Jonathan Price, Professor David Midgley c/o Australian Graduate School of Management, Sydney, Australia, 2033.

MOON - On August 30th, to Jane (née Wright) and Andrew, a daughter, Courtenay Jane India, a sister for Harriet.

MORRIS VERDIN - On August 26th, to Araminta and Anthony, at Frilford, a daughter, Agatha Hermione, a sister for Aurelia and Arthur. Always remembering Allegra.

PHILLIPS - On August 31st, to Nicholas and Paula, a son, Alexander Richard Pares.

ROBEY - On August 30th, at Queen Charlotte's, to Lorna (née Vanreenen) and Quentin, a daughter, Juliet Alice Virginia.

ROLAND-EVANS - On August 28th 1991, in Sydney, Australia, to Karen and Michael Roland-Evans, a daughter, Madison Elisabeth Scarlett.

RUSSELL - On September 1st in the Isle of Wight, to Chris and Tory a daughter, Alice, a sister to Emily, John and Kate.

SMYTH - OSBOURNE On August 29th, to Joanna (née Cubitt), and Charles, a son, William Hugh, a brother for Edward.

STALEY - On August 31st, at The Portland Hospital, to Suzannah (née Hawkings-Byass) and Nigel, a son, Thomas George, a brother for Will.

TALBOT - On September 1st 1991, to Lucy (née Gubbins) and Peter, a daughter, Camilla Louise MacLeod, a sister for Edward.

WATSON - On August 30th, to Annette (née Bettison) and Alistair, a son, Toby James Fraser.

DEATHS

BAKER - On August 31st 1991, peacefully at Sutton Manor Nursing Home, Hampshire, Max, beloved husband of the late Nancy. Loved by all his family. Cremation at Salisbury Crematorium on Monday September 9th at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to St Christopher's Hospice c/o Jno Steel & Son, Chesil House, Winchester.

BRETT-YOUNG - On August 30th, 1991, peacefully, Primrose Vineh Heron, aged 77, widow of Peter Whitley, killed in action 1942, and of Noel Brett-Young, dearly loved by her daughters Elizabeth, Clare and Caroline and by her ten grandchildren and a much loved sister of Joan and Peter Varwell. Funeral Service at Gidleigh Parish Church, near Chagford, Devon, at 2.30pm on Friday September 6th. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to The Arthritis & Rheumatism Council, c/o National Westminster Bank, Chagford.

BRUNET - On August 30th, peacefully at home, Peter Cameron Jamieson, greatly loved husband of Barbara and dear father of Neil, Paul and Charlotte. Funeral Service at Jesus College, Oxford, on Friday September 6th at 2 pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if wished, to the Pain Control Unit, Churchill Hospital, Oxford.

BULL - On September 1st 1991, Douglas Samuel, of St Issey, Cornwall, formerly of Cardross, Scotland, much loved husband of the late Anne, brother to John and Mary, sadly missed by all his family. Funeral at Glynn Valley Crematorium, Bodmin, on Friday September 6th at 11 am. No flowers by request, donations in lieu if desired for Mount Edgcumbe Hospice c/o R. Bray Funeral Director, Bridgend, Wadebridge.

BURGESS - On August 30th, peacefully in hospital, Brigadier John Robert Burgess M.B.E., The Durham Light Infantry (Retired), aged 71 years. Beloved husband of Susan and father of Lorna and Peter and proud grandfather. Cremation on Friday September 6th at 12.30 pm at Hereford Crematorium.

BURNETT - On September 1st 1991, peacefully in Brighton, Wenna Mary (née Gordon Brown), beloved wife of the late Robert and much loved mother of James and sister to Christina. Will be sorely missed. Funeral Service at the Woodvale Crematorium, Brighton, on Thursday September 5th at 1 pm. Flowers to Hanningtons Funeral Directors Ltd., 4-6 Montefiore Road, Hove, Sussex. tel: (0273) 778753.

CHAMPION de CRESPIGNY - On September 1st 1991, at home, Group Captain C.M. Champion de Crespigny RAF (Retd), C.B.E., dearly loved husband of Pat. Cremation private. No flowers. Donations if desired to RAF Benevolent Fund, c/o Diamond and Son, 9/11 Lower Buckland Road, Lymington, Hants.

COWELL - On September 1st, Phillip Ernest, aged 79 years, in the gentle care of The Bungalow, Honiton Hospital. Well loved and respected by his family and friends, especially his daughters, grandchildren and four great-grandsons. Funeral Service on Wednesday September 4th at 1 pm at Exeter and Devon Crematorium. Family flowers only, donations in lieu to The British Legion, c/o J. Layzell, Awliscombe, Devon.

LAMBERT - On August 29th, in Yorkshire, Sydney Deighton (John). Beloved husband, father, grandfather and friend.

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DUNPARK - On August 31st 1991, at home, Alastair Macpherson Johnston, The Honourable Lord Dunpark. Service at Cramond Kirk on Wednesday September 4th at 2.30 pm. Funeral thereafter private. Family flowers only.

EAVESTAFF - On August 29th, suddenly at Bexhill-on-Sea, Mary Elizabeth, aged 77. Cremation at Eastbourne on Tuesday September 10th at 2.30 pm. Enquiries to Mummery FD 0424-730418.

FEATHERSTONE - On August 31st 1991, peacefully, Joan, beloved wife of the late Pat Featherstone of Newchurch, Burton upon Trent. Deeply loved mother of Richard, Jane and the late William, treasured grandmother of Ben, Charlotte and Amelia. Sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral Service will be held at Christ Church, Newchurch, Needwood, on Thursday September 5th 1991 at 3.30 pm prior to interment in the churchyard. Family flowers only. Donations, if so desired, may be sent to The Cancer Research Fund, c/o The Manager, Lloyds Bank, High Street, Burton upon Trent or to St Giles Hospice, Appeals Office, Fisherwick Road, Whittington, Lichfield, Staffordshire. Enquiries to Wellings Funeral Services, tel: (0283) 65555.

FROOME - On August 31st, peacefully at home, Hutions Ambo Kenneth, dearly loved husband of Peggy, devoted father of Caroline and Lavinia, father-in-law of Michael and a much loved grandfather. Funeral Service private by his request. *Donations in his memory* may be given to The British Heart Foundation.

GREEN - On August 30th, peacefully at the Nuffield Hospital, Shrewsbury, Frances Mary, aged 53, beloved wife of the late Colonel Robert (Snipey) Green K.S.L.I., much loved aunt of Ann, Diana, John, Charles and Emma and wonderful great-aunt to all their children. Funeral on Tuesday September 10th at St Edith's Church, Adversane, at 3.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to St. Edith's Church.

HARBOUR - On August 29th 1991, peacefully after a courageous fight against cancer, Frederick Leslie, aged 71 years. Loving husband of Maysie and dear father of Judy and Merle. Service at Beckenham Crematorium on Friday September 6th at 2 pm. Flowers or donations for Cancer Research may be sent to J.B. Shakespeare Ltd., 67 George Street, Croydon.

HAYLES - On September 2nd 1991, peacefully in Marlborough, Wiltshire, Andrew Stuart Rutherford aged 79. Husband of Barbara, father of Richard, Jenny, George and Prudence and grandfather of Susannah, Julian, Henrietta, Edward, Curtis, Matthew, Alice and Emma. Service at Baydon Church, Baydon, Wilts., at 2 pm on Monday September 9th, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only by request but donations, if desired, to The League of Friends of Marlborough Hospitals, Savernake Hospital, Marlborough, Wiltshire.

JARDING-WILLOUGHBY - On August 31st 1991, peacefully at home, Rupert Henry, dear husband of Joan and father of Sarah. Funeral Service at Golders Green Crematorium on Wednesday September 4th at 4 pm. Flowers, if desired, to Leverton & Sons Ltd., 181 Haverstock Hill, Hampstead, NW3 by 12 noon.

KEELING - On August 31st, James, aged 9, beloved son of Richard and Julia, adored brother of Alexandra. After the most courageous battle against cancer. Private funeral, no flowers. Donations to Cancer Research. Memorial Service at a later date.

KENT - On August 31st, peacefully at home in Hampshire after a long illness, with his beloved wife and family, Basil Kent aged 78, MB, BS, MRCS, LRCP, FFARCS, DA, A Thanksgiving Service will be held at St Paul's Church, Ashford Hill, on Friday September 6th at 4pm. No flowers please but those with happy memories of Dr. Kent may wish to send a donation to St Wilfrid's Hospice, Eastbourne.

SALTER - On August 31st 1991, peacefully at his home, The Old Grange, Swalcliffe, Arthur William, aged 77.

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LEWIS - On August 30th, in Mount Vernon Hospital, Northwood, Joan Lewis aged 73, dearly loved wife of Sir Kenneth Lewis, darling mother of Katharine and Christopher, dearest mother-in-law of Maxwell and Jane, and much loved grannie to James, Alastair, Samuel and Georgie Michie and to Simon and Emily Lewis. Funeral Service at Preston Village Church, near Uppingham, Rutland, Friday September 6th at 1pm at the Russian Orthodox Cathedral, Ennismore Gardens, London SW7, followed by private cremation.

REYNOLDS - *On August 30th* 1991, in her sleep, Jean, aged 91, widow of R.L.B. Reynolds, at Strawberry Hill. Cremation Friday September 6th at 12.30 pm at Mortlake Crematorium. Family flowers only. Donations to the Parkinsons Disease Society, 22 Upper Woburn Place, WC1H 0RA.

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SAMBROOKE STURGESS - On August 31st 1991, peacefully at home, Gerald, aged 89 years. Dearly loved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Funeral Service at St Michael & All Angels, Barton Turf, September 5th 1991, 2.30 pm. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to The Arthritis & Rheumatism Council c/o Broadland Funeral Services, 98 Norwich Road, Wroxham, Norwich NR12 8TG. A Memorial Service in Norwich to be arranged later.

SEYMOUR - On August 31st, peacefully, Geoffrey Vincent, of Beccles, Suffolk and formerly of Wiltshire. Beloved husband of Philippa and the late Joan, dearest father of Michael and Diana, much loved Poppa to his grandchildren. Funeral private. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, for S.E.N.S.E. (The National Deaf/Blind and Rubella Association). Please make cheques payable to Harvey Bros. Clients Charities Account, Newgate, Kirby Cane, Bungay, Suffolk NR35 2PP.

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TOLER - On August 31st 1991 peacefully at Ottershaw Hospital, Frederick William (Bill) Toler. Funeral Service at St James's Church, Weybridge, on Friday September 6th at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to R.N.L.I., West Quay Road, Poole, Dorset, BH15 1HZ.

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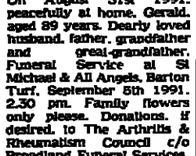
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Dated this 27 day of August 1991
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Liquidator

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NEW RELEASES

DIVA (15): Jean-Jacques Beineix's 1982 hit about opera, bootleg recordings and the Paris underworld, revived in a new print; a hugely influential exercise in visual chic.
Cannon Piccadilly (071-437 3561).

♦ DYING YOUNG (15): Foolish, manipulative weepie with Julia Roberts in a love quandary over a young man dying of leukaemia. Director, Joel Schumacher.
Cannon Chelsea (071-352 5096)
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THE FOUNTAIN: Lively satirical comedy from 1988, surveying Soviet society through the framework of a crumbling apartment block. Director, Yuri Mamin.
National Film Theatre (071-928 3232).

♦ NEW JACK CITY (18): Flashy visual trappings cloak an old-hat plot about a drug baron's rise and fall. With Wesley Snipes, rap singer Ice-T; directed by actor Mario Van Peebles
Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Panton Street (071-930 0631) Whiteleys (071-792 3324) Warner (071-439 0791).

♦ PROSPERO'S BOOKS (15): Peter Greenaway's variation on *The Tempest*, with John Gielgud's Prospero stalking Shakespeare's text through a jungle of eye-popping images. *Brilliant but exhausting.*
Gate (071-727 4043) Lumière (071-836 0691) Screen on the Hill (071-435 3366).

♦ PUMP UP THE VOLUME (15): Facile drama of high-school Angst, with Christian Slater as a pirate radio Messiah inciting teenage rebellion.
Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Haymarket (071-839 1527) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Odeon Kensington (0426 914666)

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♦ *CINDERELLA (U):* Revival of Disney's 1950 cartoon: skilful animation, attractive music, a good sense of character.
Warner (071-439 0791).

♦ EDWARD SCISSORHANDS (PG): Tim Burton's captivating fantasy about a boy with scissors for hands at large in American suburbia. With Johnny Depp, Dianne Wiest, Winona Ryder.
Cannon Chelsea (071-352 5096)

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ♦) on release across the country.

Odeons: Kensington (071-602 8644) Prince Charles (071-437 8181) Whiteleys (071-792 3303)

LA GLOIRE DE MON PERE (U): Episodic gallop through Marcel Pagnol's childhood memories — decent, nostalgic, but excessively warm-hearted. Director, Yves Robert.
Minema (071-235 4225).

HENRY: PORTRAIT OF A SERIAL KILLER (18): Devastating, fly-on-the-wall *study of human depravity* in Chicago. Director, John McNaughton.
Cannon Panton Street (071-930 0631) Metro (071-437 0757).

♦ IN BED WITH MADONNA (18): Exhilarating, eye-opening portrait, shot during her 1990 world tour. Director, Alek Keshishian.
Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Haymarket (071-839 1527) Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) Mezzanine (071-839 1929) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905).

♦ THE NAKED GUN 2½ — THE SMELL OF FEAR (12): Leslie Nielsen returns as accident-prone Lt Frank Drebin. Riotous dead-pan comedy. Directed by David Zucker.
Cannon Baker Street (071-935 9772) Empire (071-437 9999) Plaza (071-437 9999).

♦ NAKED TANGO (18): Vice, depravity and tango dancing in 1920s Buenos Aires. Hollow stylistic exercise from writer-director Leonard Schrader. Starring Mathilda May, Vincent D'Onofrio.
Cannons: Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Odeon Kensington (0426 914666) Warner (071-439 0791).

PARIS TROUT (18): Dennis Hopper's redneck Southern racist stands accused of murder. Powerful, atmospheric drama from Pete Dexter's novel. With Barbara Hershey, *Ed Harris; director, Stephen* Gyllenhaal.
Cannon Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Curzon West End (071-439 4805)

♦ ROCK-A-DOODLE (U): Elvis-voiced rooster finds success and trouble as a rock 'n' roll star. Inventive but frantic cartoon; director, Don Bluth.
Odeon Mezzanine (071-930 6111).

♦ SOAPDISH (12): Shallow, boisterous parody of America's soap operas, *with good moments.* Starring Sally Field, Kevin Kline, Robert Downey Jr, Elisabeth Shue. Director, Michael Hoffman.
Cannons: Baker Street (071-935 9772) Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Plaza (071-437 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3324).

♦ TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES II: THE SECRET OF THE OOZE (PG): Live-action Turtles fighting evil in New York, though with less violent frenzy than before. Action-packed for youngsters; director, Michael Pressman.
Odeons: Mezzanine (071-839 1929) Swiss Cottage (071-586 3057) Whiteleys (071-792 3303).

♦ TERMINATOR 2: JUDGMENT DAY (15): Good robot Arnold Schwarzenegger battles bad robot Robert Patrick. A fine *showpiece for special effects*, but the humans get short shrift. Director, James Cameron, with Linda Hamilton.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Cannon Chelsea (071-352 5096)
Odeons: Leicester Square (071-930 6111) Kensington (0426 914666) Marble Arch (071-723 2011) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905) Whiteleys (071-792 3324).

♦ THELMA & LOUISE (15): Distaff road movie with Geena Davis and Susan Sarandon fleeing through the American South-West. Bracing adventure from director Ridley Scott.
Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 6161) Plaza (071-437 9999) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772) Whiteleys (071-792 3324).

TRULY, MADLY, DEEPLY (PG): Grieving Juliet Stevenson wills her late boyfriend (Alan Rickman) back to life. Endearingly humane drama; a directing debut for playwright Anthony Minghella.
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) Chelsea Cinema (071-351 3742/3743) Curzon Phoenix (071-240 9661)
Odeon Mezzanine (071-930 6111)
Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772).

YOUNG SOUL REBELS (18): Seductively shot but unwieldy stew of soul music, murder mystery, racial and sexual politics, set in Jubilee Britain, 1977. A first mainstream feature for *director Isaac Julien.*
Cannon Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Metro (071-437 0757) Screen on the Green (071-226 3520).

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of current theatre in London
■ House full, returns only
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■ JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING *TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT:* Jason Donovan sports a golden wig for this gaudy, brash revival.
Palladium, Argyll Street, W1 (071-494 5037). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 135mins.

■ MACBETH: Peter Woodward and Nichola McAuliffe in sturdy production. Open Air, Regent's Park, NW1 (071-486 2431). Tonight, 8pm. 150mins. Final performance.

☐ NAPOLI MILIONARIA: Ian McKellen a striking figure in Eduardo de Filippo's richly textured, end-of-war drama.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, tomorrow, *7.30pm, mat tomorrow, 2.15pm.* 175mins.

☐ THE PHILANTHROPIST: Captivating performance by Edward Fox in Christopher Hampton's comedy.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats *Thurs, 3pm.* Sat, 5pm. 130mins.

☐ *70, GIRLS, 70:* Irresistible Dora Bryan leads the cast of apparent 70-year-olds in a genial Kander & Ebb musical.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 120mins.

☐ TANGO AT THE END OF WINTER: Alan Rickman troubled by memories in decorative but hollow Ninagawa drama.
Piccadilly, Denman Street, W1 (071-867 1116). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

☐ TRAVELLING TALES: John Seabrook in sprightly, mind-hopping show based on his television series, *Tall Tales.*
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 5.45pm and 8.45pm. 120mins.

☑ *A TRIBUTE TO THE BLUES* BROTHERS: Lively parade of tuneful oldies. Good fun.
Whitehall, Whitehall, SW1 (071-867 1119). Mon-Thurs, 8.15pm, Fri, Sat, *8.15pm and 9pm.* 120mins.

☐ WHEN SHE DANCED: Vanessa Redgrave unforgettable in Sherman's artful play about Isadora Duncan and the hazards of communication.
Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Mon-Sat 8pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 135mins.

☐ THE WHITE DEVIL: Josette Simon is the proud heroine in Philip Prowse's glittering staging of Jacobean corruption.
National (Olivier), South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 2252). Today, 2pm and 7.15pm. 180mins.

LONG RUNNERS: ☑ Aspects of Love: Prince of Wales (071-839 9972) . . . ☐ Blood Brothers: Albery (071-867 1115) . . . ☐ Buddy: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317). . . ☑ Cats: New London (071-405 0072) . . . ☐ Five Guys Named Moe: Lyric (071-494 5045) ☑ Me and My Girl: Adelphi (071-836 7611) . . . ■ Les Misérables: Palace (071-434 0909) . . . ■ Miss Saigon: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-836 8108) . . . ☐ The Mousetrap: St Martin's (071-836 1443) . . . ■ The Phantom of the Opera: Her Majesty's (071-839 2244) . . . ☐ Return to the Forbidden Planet: Cambridge (071-379 5399) . . . ☐ Run For Your Wife: Duchess (071-836 8243) . . . ☑ Starlight Express: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) . . . ☐ The Woman in Black: Fortune (071-836 2238).

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TODAY'S EVENTS

Lyttelton Theatre, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 2252), 6pm.

IN SEARCH OF OMAR KHAYYAM IN PASSING THROUGH THE CRUSADES: Acclaimed Palestinian company El Hakawati visits London after a three-year gap with a production written and directed by Francois Abou Salem, performed in Arabic, French and English by an international cast.
Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, London W6 (081-748 3354), 7.30pm.

PRIMAVERA CHAMBER ORCHESTRA: A programme of string music by Mendelssohn and Mozart together with Bach standards: Suite No 2, Concerto in D minor for two violins and the "Brandenburg" Concerto No 4.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800), 7.45pm.

HEDDA GABLER: Fiona Shaw is a powerful central figure in Deborah Warner's production of Ibsen's classic. A strong Dublin Abbey Theatre cast includes Garret Keogh as her socially alert husband; designs by Hildegard Bechtler and lighting by Tina MacHugh. Opening night (see feature, page 11).
Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, London WC2 (071-839 4401), 7.45pm.

KVETCH: Steven Berkoff, Thelma Ruby, Stanley Lebor, Henry Goodman and Anita Dobson are the cast in Berkoff's new play on the comic aspects of anxiety. The play begins a four-week run at the King's Head Theatre as a "work in progress", and will open in the West End during October (see review, right).
King's Head Theatre Club, 115 Upper Street, London N1 (071-226 1916), 8pm.

CONCERT FOR ROMANIA: Susannah York will introduce this charity concert given by Romanian artists to raise money for Romanian flood victims and children's hospitals. Among the artists appearing are: pianist Radu Lupu plays Schubert, soprano Nelly Miricioiu sings Puccini and Verdi arias, and the Belanescu Quartet plays arrangements of Romanian folk songs as well as a new work by Alexander Belanescu.
Telephone donations can be made to the Romanian Project by ringing 071-735 8800.
Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (071-638 8891), 7.45pm.

Spotlight on Britten's shadows

DONALD COOPER

OPERA

Billy Budd
Coliseum



Formidable début: Peter Coleman-Wright is able to convey Billy Budd's rash innocence and quick temper

THE greatness of Tim Albery's English National Opera production of *Britten's* just less than great opera lies in the light it shines deep into the work's moral and *musicological* issues. It is a light as blinding and merciless as that of the moral guidance for which Captain Vere prays and which he cannot accept, and it *dazzles* as brightly now in this first revival as it did when the production was new, in 1988.

On the long, left-to-right slope of moral incertitude and disorder, Captain Vere staggers at beginning and end, almost Sisyphus-like in his desperation. His world has been lit only by cold moonlight and slashes of *ceremonial colour.* Otherwise he is master of a grey society, its movement *minimised and abstracted* by Albery. Its only justification lies in the hope of actions to protect its own circumscribed code of honour. Not only Billy Budd, but every wronged crew member becomes a sacrificial victim to the amorality of war and the sea. The first glimpse of the beaten Novice flashes from the dark as a deposition from a cross.

In the bare spaces and precisely *measured* places of Tom Cairns's and Antony McDonald's set, individual *encounters have a potency all their* own, and this time the casting is as strong as it ever has been. David Wilson-Johnson, Clive Bayley and Paul Napier-Burrows make a strong, individually distinguished triangle of officials; John Connell returns as a stalwart Dansker, Barry Banks as an affecting Novice. There is a new Billy Budd in Peter Coleman-Wright, and this is a formidable début in the role. He is young enough to convey the rashness of his innocence, the quickness of his temper, as the voice flares effortlessly into response. After the slow, careful *development* of his character, Budd's disbelief at his predicament has rarely seemed so believable; and rarely has his desperate cry of "Captain, save me!" penetrated so deep.

Captain Vere, of course, will not and cannot. Philip Langridge returns to a role he still sings with lacerating insight, made all the keener, perhaps, for his study this summer of that other flawed and tormented figure-head, Mozart's Titus. The voice has gained subtlety in charting his moral downfall. Albery's decision to seat him, Aschenbach-like, at the end to watch Budd's hanging from the distance of retrospect, is endorsed by the music whose turmoil is surely Vere's own.

Such mercilessly clear-sighted production lays bare two more important factors. The problem of Claggart, a dangerously simplistic figure of evil, veiling a complex pattern of motivation, needs more forceful, malleable projection than Richard Van Allan is now able to offer. The startling psychological realism of Britten's score, though, is superbly paced in its ebb, its flow and its tugging undercurrents by David Atherton. The 34 chords which accompany Vere's communication of the death sentence express the extraordinary range and shocks of *emotional* and spiritual experience uncovered in this production. It should not be missed.

HILARY FINCH

THEATRE

Kvetch
Assembly Rooms, Edinburgh

KVETCH: anxiety, angst, fear, phobia, neurosis. Also a very funny show already seen in Los Angeles, given its *British premiere at the Edinburgh* Festival last week and moving to the King's Head, Islington, this week.

Steven Berkoff takes a family group and stylises it into grotesque parody. The piece opens with jerky, fast-forward mime depicting eating, making-up, telephoning, work, urban stress. We are soon into the play's heart: a horrifically embarrassing dinner party provoked when business acquaintance Hal is unexpectedly brought home by paterfamilias Frank.

Berkoff is both leading actor and director and as usual drills his cast into near perfection. The dinner party epitomises his style. The other characters freeze in mid-gesture, time suspended, while one of them screams or bellows out his social panic. The fear of sweat, appearing silly, not being able to tell jokes, revealing (in Hal's case) the *lonely emptiness of middle-aged* divorce, wondering how to go to the loo without drawing attention to oneself — all are conveyed with the anguish of repressed, or not repressed, hysteria that Hamlet would consider excessive applied to his own dilemmas.

The wife's longing for fulfilment, the mother-in-law's boredom and flatulence, the disastrous food — never has an invisible meal been expressed so vividly by disgusted mastication — *form an accompaniment to Frank's* desperate insecurity. The mood-changes are brilliantly charted through panic, relief, horror, hope and despair, always contrasting polite formality with the neurotic quivering within. Berkoff dominates all with the body language of a clown, the throaty snarl of a tiger at bay, and a pop-eyed, *cavernous-mouthed* facial *grimace of* incredulous outrage.

The dinner party could stand by itself as a short play. Thereafter the plot looks increasingly perfunctory, though never less than entertaining. A king-size duvet spread over the dining table switches the action to the bedroom where Donna, the wife, *fantasises about dustmen.* It emerges that Donna is a healthily raunchy woman fretting over an inadequate partner. Frank's unease is explained in its turn by the cheerful intrusion of Hal into his fantasies, showing the way to a highly *improbable happy* ending, which it must be said, looks contrived.

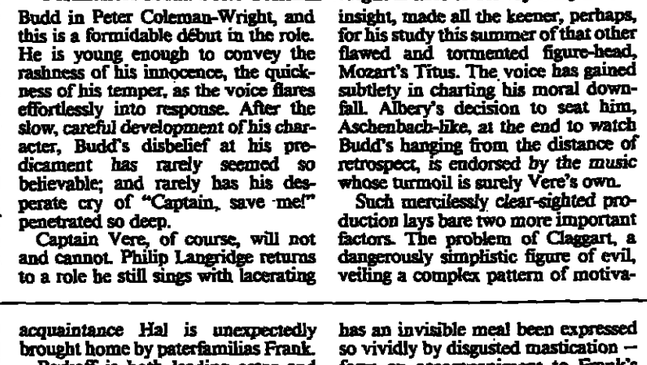
If California has almost succeeded in giving Berkoff a soft centre, enough comic roughage remains to make this slightly unbalanced piece highly pleasurable.

Henry Goodman's Hal is exquisitely tormented by social awkwardness and hilariously complacent as an erotic fantasy. Anita Dobson's Donna needs a touch more concentration and sharpness to be up there with Goodman and Berkoff in some great comic playing.

MARTIN HOYLE

CONCERTS

1791 Weekend
Queen Elizabeth Hall



Roger Norrington: giving 1791 an unforgettable intensity and serenity

QUITE some year: quite some weekend. It all ended — or rather, it all unended — with the Requiem. Roger Norrington and his musicians, crowning the South Bank's Mozart Now festival at its midpoint, performed it in a state of unforgettable intensity and serenity, a state perhaps of certainty, of knowing the way and not having to shout about it. *Something* of that showed in the London Classical Players' unanimity, the smooth, dark blend that still held the smoked colours of period bassoons, basset horns and trombones in prominence. The choral sound, too, was sure, direct and supple in response to changes in sense, vowel sound or texture, and there was a fine group of soloists singing with calm and fresh simplicity.

But these were the *means*, and they did not impose themselves; nor did Norrington's beat and direction. What was offered was the sheer evidence of the work: its unflinching movement onward, its sombreness and grace, its unique achievement of an ironic smile on a face of grimness, at least in the "Tuba mirum" section. The very naturalness of the bass singing (by Alastair Miles) and trombone playing (by Paul Beer) brought out the Mozartian self-consciousness of this *passage, and the almost operatic* atmosphere was then nicely maintained by *John Mark Ainsley.*

Being so intimate with the music, the performance got away at the end with a dramatic coup, stopping just where Mozart's draft stops, with the first eight bars of the "Lacrymosa" scored for chorus and strings. The sudden bareness of the accompaniment, the crescendo against the inevitable, and then the dead halt in musical mid-air were all terrifyingly effective. Some solace was badly needed, and provided by the "Ave verum corpus" of a few *months* before.

The first half of this concert had given glimpses of the two intervening *operas, Die Zauberflöte and La clemenza di Tito,* the latter's overture seeming — to me for the first time, and strikingly — to point towards Berlioz in its boisterous grandeur. There were also some beautiful vocal performances here: from Nancy Argenta in Pamina's G minor aria, from Alastair Miles in an astonishing leap from Sarastro's *robes* into Papageno's feather suit, and from *Argenta again and Catherine Robbin* in the duet for Annio and Servilia.

The weekend's other main concert was also a rather 18th century and wonderful parade of party pieces. Miles, once more, was joined by a prestidigitating Peter Buckoke on violone for the gloriously absurd aria "Per questa bella mano". Colin Lawson shed pounds *from the Clarinet* Concerto with a marvellous *light-textured and virtuoso* performance. And Melvyn Tan made every phrase in the last piano concerto a poem, most of those in the third movement being jokes too.

PAUL GRIFFITHS

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WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 16

ROCKAWAY
(c) A four-wheeled carriage, open at the sides, with two or three seats and a standing top, used in the United States, *from the town of Rockaway,* New Jersey, where it was made, and became fashionable: "With the aid of the family rockaway the party were at the boathouse."

URENT
(c) Burning, stinging, as from nettles, *urticae, which are a cognate word, from the Latin urere to* burn: "The cables retain their urent stings long after they have been detached from the animal."

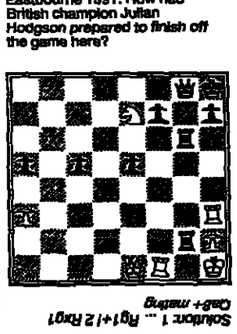
CANCELER
(c) Of a hawk, to turn on the wing before stopping, from OF *chanceler* to cross: "Full swift *she flew till coming near Carthage, she made a* canceleer, and then a stoop."

STRADIOT
(c) A Venetian light horseman from Albania or Greece, from the Greek *stratiotes* a soldier: "A gallant band of twelve hundred stradiots, a kind of light cavalry raised by the Venetians in their Dalmatian possessions."

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

Today's problem is a variation from the game Wells —Hodgson, British Championship, Eastbourne 1991. How had British champion Julian Hodgson prepared to finish off the game here?



Solution 1 ... Rg1+! 2 Kxg1 Qe3+ mating

ENTERTAINMENTS

CINEMAS

CURZON MAYFAIR Curzon St 071 465 8865. Marcello Mastroianni in EVERYBODY'S FINE (STANNO TUTTI BENE) (12) Progs at 12.30 (not Sun), 3.05, 5.50 & 8.25

CURZON WEST END Shaftesbury Ave W1 071 439 4805. Dennis Hopper, Barbara Hershey in PARIS TROUT (18) Progs at 1.45 (not Sun) 3.55 6.05 & 8.25

CURZON PHOENIX Phoenix St, off Charing Cross Rd 071 240 9661. TRULY, MADLY, DEEPLY (PG) Progs at 1.45 (not Sun) 3.55, 6.05 & 8.20

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BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax 6.30 BBC Breakfast News
9.05 Hospital Watch. Robbie Vincent with highlights of yesterday's programme from Hammersmith hospital
9.30 Wildside. Your opinions on wildlife and the environment (r). (Ceefax) **10.00 News,** regional news and weather **10.05 Playdays 10.30 Clockwise.** Darren Day hosts the game show in which three teams compete against the clock (r)
11.00 News, regional news and weather
11.05 The Reluctant Cook. The comedian Craig Charles attempts to cook beef stew (r). (Ceefax)
11.35 Hospital Watch. In the second of today's four programmes from Hammersmith hospital, Mike Smith watches an open heart surgery operation. Sarah Greene and Maggie Philbin investigate what has been happening overnight on the wards
12.00 News, regional news and weather
12.05 The Garden Party. Mavis Nicholson talks to reporter John Humphrys **12.55 Regional News** and weather
1.00 One O'Clock News. Weather **1.30 Neighbours.** (Ceefax)
1.50 Tastes of Wales: Poultry and Game. In the last programme of the series, Gill Davies cooks salt duck and samples game pie (r)
2.20 Film: The Two Worlds of Jennie Logan (1979). Entertaining story of love, jealousy and murder, based on the novel by David Williams. A housewife (*Bionic Woman* Lindsay Wagner) finds an antique dress in her attic. When she puts it on, she is transported back in time to the 19th century, where she finds romance with Marc Singer. Directed by Frank De Felitta. Wales: Golf
5.55 Cartoons
6.10 The All New Popeye Show. Cartoon adventures **4.35 Like Father, Like Son.** Knud-Peter, aged five, from Saattut in Greenland, talks about his ambition to emulate his hunter father **4.55 Newsround 5.05 Byker Grove.** Episode 13 of a 20-part children's drama set in a youth club (r). (Ceefax)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax). Northern Ireland: Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Andrew Harvey. Weather
6.30 Regional news magazines. Northern Ireland: Neighbours (r). (Ceefax)
7.00 Hospital Watch. Today is children's day surgery at Hammersmith hospital. Sarah Greene, Maggie Philbin, Mike Smith and Robbie Vincent report on how modern anaesthetics have made operations a less frightening experience for children
7.30 EastEnders. Drama with the residents of Albert Square. (Ceefax)
8.00 The Fall and Rise of Reginald Perrin. David Nobbs's outrageous comedy starring Leonard Rossiter. In this episode, Perrin likens his mother-in-law to a hippopotamus (r). (Ceefax)



Bumpy ride: Belinda Lang, Gary Olsen and offspring (8.30pm)

8.30 Two Point Four Children.
● CHOICE: The parents in Andrew Marshall's new family sitcom are called Bill and Ben but the reference to the lovable Flowerpot Men seems to be ironic. As might be expected from a writer whose credits include *Hot Metal* and *Whoops Apocalypse*, this is a relatively barbed contribution to a usually cosy genre. Belinda Lang plays the put-upon wife, expected to work full-time while looking after her two kids and easy-going plumber husband (Gary Olsen). No wonder she envies her friend across the road (Julia Hills), who appears to have a more exciting life meeting men in singles bars. Marshall does not entirely break new ground. His plotting runs along predictable grooves and while he eschews sitcom jauntiness there is a lack of pace. But the writing is sharp enough to suggest that *Two Point Four Children* will turn out to be one of the autumn season's more notable new comedies. (Ceefax)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. **Regional News** and weather
9.30 Specially Selected Canned Carrott. The first of two compilations from the comedian's recent *Canned Carrott* series, including a snip from the visit to a vasectomy clinic. (Ceefax)
10.15 Hospital Watch. Today's final programme from Hammersmith hospital in London follows a patient into surgery for the implantation of a new heart valve
10.45 Film: The Dead Zone (1983). Psychological horror, adapted from the novel by Stephen King, about a car crash victim who emerges from a five-year coma with psychic powers. Starring Christopher Walken and Herbert Lom. Directed by *The Fly*'s David Cronenberg. (Ceefax) **12.25am Weather**

BBC 2

7.10 Open University: Everyday Violence. Ends at **7.35**
***8.00* News**
8.15 Film: Bad Lands (1939, b/w). A reinterpretation of John Ford's *The Lost Patrol* (tomorrow, 8.15am) in which a posse of nine men, lost in the blistering heat of the Arizona desert, comes under attack by Apache Indians. Starring Robert Barrat, Noah Beery Jr and Guinn Williams. Directed by Lew Landers
9.25 Holiday Outings: Football School. Eamonn Holmes enrols in a five-day residential course at the Bobby Charlton Football School in Manchester (r)
9.30 TUC Conference '91. This morning's most important debate is on the repeal of the government's legislation to curb the role of the unions. Presented by Vivian White, Nicholas Jones and Ian Smith
12.45 Twirling the Edge. Bobby Halket, who runs a multi-million pound crockery business, reveals the secret of market trading
1.15 England: Art. The Royal Academy summer exhibition (r)
1.20 Johnson and Friends. Puppet fun **1.30 Barney.** Cartoon (r)
1.35 Discovering Birds: Water, Water, Everywhere. Tony Soper on the pleasures of birdwatching (r)
2.00 News and weather followed by **TUC Conference '91.** Debates on the future of the NHS, health and safety at work and equal rights. Presented by Vivian White, Nicholas Jones and Ian Smith. Including at **3.00 News** and weather **3.50 News** and weather, regional news and weather
5.00 One in Four. The international magazine for the disabled. With signing and subtitles. (Ceefax)
5.30 Gardeners' World. A centenary celebration of the British Pteridological Society (r)
6.00 Film: Wild Horses (1985). Western in which a former rodeo-rider escapes from his tedious life by joining a wild mustang round-up. Starring Kenny Rogers. Directed by Dick Lowry
7.35 Bilko: Bilko's Apeman (b/w). The scheming sergeant attempts to break into the movies. Starring Phil Silvers (r)



Discussion on today's black families: Trevor Phillips (8.00pm)

8.00 Hear Say: In the Family Way. Trevor Phillips and guests discuss the real black families of the Nineties. (Ceefax)
8.30 Wildlife Showcase: Brumby — Horse Run Wild. Gary Steer reports on the Brumbies, the wild horses that roam the Australian Outback, which threaten the existence of the region's native plants and animals. (Ceefax)
9.00 Rab C. Nesbitt: Offski. Glasgow's anarchic street philosopher heads south in search of his heart's desire. Starring Gregor Fisher (r). (Ceefax)
9.30 The Last Days of Leningrad: Hearts and Minds.
● CHOICE: Film material previously unseen in the West evokes the lives of ordinary people in Leningrad from Stalin to Gorbachev. Among the newsreels, propaganda films and documentaries there are some choice items. At the height of the Cold War factory workers express their boundless gratitude to "dear Stalin" and an equally brainwashed pianist sings of living "brightly and freely in the world's best country". A more sober reminder of recent times past is an old philosophy professor's account of being arrested by the KGB and being put in a mental asylum, though there was nothing wrong with him. Only in the past six years or so have people been able to say what they really think. The result has been a volley of complaints about high prices and shortages and cynicism about the future. "We must make the most of Gorbachev," one Leningrader says in a 1988 film. "This democracy won't last." Followed at **10.20** by **600 Seconds**, an edition of Leningrad's unorthodox daily news programme. (Ceefax) **10.30 Newsnight** with Jeremy Paxman
11.15 Brecon Jazz '91: Joe Pass in Concert. Jools Holland introduces a performance by solo jazz guitarist Joe Pass **11.55 Weather**

ITV

6.00 TV-am
8.25 Runway. Holiday quiz **8.55 Thames News** and weather
10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . Mike Scott hosts the topical discussion programme
10.40 This Morning, including at **10.55 ITN News** headlines **11.55 Thames News** and weather
12.10 Rod, Jane and Freddy. The musical trio sings nursery rhymes (r)
12.30 ITN News with John Suchet. Weather **1.10 Thames News** and weather
1.20 Home and Away. (Oracle) **1.50 A Country Practice**
2.20 Take the High Road. Scottish soap set in the Highlands
2.50 Give Us a Clue. Michael Parkinson and team captains Lionel Blair and Liza Goddard return for a new series of charades **3.15 ITN News** headlines **3.20 Thames News** headlines
3.25 Families. Anglo-Australian soap
3.55 Huxley Pig. Cartoon (r) **4.05 The Dreamstone.** Cartoon (r) **4.30 Children's Ward.** Hospital drama series (r). (Oracle) **5.00 Cartoon.** Sylvester (r)
5.10 Blockbusters. General knowledge quiz for teenagers
5.40 ITN News with Fiona Armstrong. Weather
5.55 Thames Help. Jackie Sprecklay reports on adult education
6.00 Home and Away (r). (Oracle)
6.30 Regional news magazines. (Oracle) **7.00 Emmerdale.** (Oracle)
7.30 Thames Reports
8.00 The Bill: Stress Rules. The pressures of police work hit Brownlow (Peter Ellis) and PC Young (Colin Aldridge). (Oracle)
8.30 French Fields: French with Tears. Comedy starring Julia McKenzie and Anton Rodgers, who continue to adapt to the French way of doing things. (Oracle)



Paired off: Kristin Scott Thomas and David Threlfall (9.00pm)

9.00 Titmuss Regained.
● CHOICE: John Mortimer's sequel to *Paradise Postponed* has the self-made Tory Leslie Titmuss (David Threlfall) promoted to the Cabinet, where he looks after the environment. This is the cue for a tale of divided loyalty, as Titmuss, much against his natural devotion to the enterprise culture, finds himself fighting property developers who are moving in on his new country seat. Besides, the house is Titmuss's main weapon in his amorous pursuit of a pretty widow (Kristin Scott Thomas). Mortimer's script flows easily, distributing its barbs even-handedly between unprincipled politicians and earnest environmentalists and softening political satire with geniality. While some writers are angry about the wrongs of the world, Mortimer is cheerfully facetious. Thus a debate on whether saving the black rhino will do anything for Britons sleeping in cardboard boxes is soon dissolved into a joke. (Oracle)
10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Stewart and Fiona Armstrong. Weather **10.30 Thames News**
10.40 First Tuesday: The Great British Burglary.
● CHOICE: The typical British house burglar, we are told, is male, working class and has an average age (wait for it) of 15. Burglaries take place in this country at the rate of one a minute and 90 per cent of the perpetrators are never caught. A *First Tuesday* documentary puts flesh on these discouraging statistics by interviewing villains and victims. For teenagers in a young offenders institution burglary is a way of life and the threat of prison no deterrent. Their self-assurance is contrasted with the distress of victims who no longer feel safe in their own homes. Police initiatives have been ineffective and the best answer may be a form of neighbourhood watch which has been successfully employed on a council estate in Rochdale. A further statistic, providing food for thought, is that 50 per cent of burglaries are committed by people on bail for similar offences. (Oracle)
11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H
12.30am Video View. The latest video releases, including *Green Card*
1.00 The Equalizer: China Rain. Starring Edward Woodward (r)
2.00 Donahue: Mary Beth Whitehead. The surrogate mother tells her side of the story to Phil Donahue
2.50 Nite Bites: Midnight Kebabs and Bananas Flambé
3.00 60 Minutes. American news programme **4.00 Entertainment UK**
5.00 Three's Company: Mate for Each Other. American comedy series. Jack (John Ritter) goes on a computer date
5.30 ITN Morning News with Anne Leuchars. Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Channel 4 Daily
9.25 Caribbean Festival. *The first of two programmes* recording a Latin-American music festival held in Varedo, Cuba, in 1981
10.30 Cross Talk. Young people debate topical subjects (r)
11.00 Fragile Earth: Antarctic Warriors. Documentary charting the 1988 voyage by the Greenpeace ship Gondwana to the Antarctic to protect the earth's last great wilderness (r)
12.00 Kennet and Avon: The Big Lift. In the second of four programmes, Timothy West and Prunella Scales continue their journey along the canal, climbing Caen Hill to Devizes
12.30 Business Daily
1.00 Sesame Street. The guest is Malcolm-Jamal Warner of *The Cosby Show* (r)
2.00 Sufism: Living Sufism. The first in a series of three documentaries exploring Sufism, described as "Islamic mysticism", looks at a Sufi community in Texas (r)
2.30 Film: Mr Denning Drives North (1951, b/w). Comedy thriller starring John Mills, who accidentally kills his daughter's crooked lover (Herbert Lom) and disposes of the corpse, which mysteriously disappears. With Phyllis Calvert and Sam Wanamaker. Directed by Anthony Kimmins
4.15 No Dry Run. Trevor Peters's satire on nuclear defence policies. In German with English subtitles
4.30 Countdown. Richard Whiteley hosts the words and numbers game. With Sheridan Morley in the dictionary corner
5.00 Owl TV. Children's wildlife and environmental programme. Michaela Strachan meets a squirrel monkey at Emmen Zoo in The Netherlands, visits a camel market in Morocco, and gives advice on helping injured animals. (Teletext)
5.30 Class by Class: The Millionairess's Tale. The third of seven programmes on Britain's class system. Ray Gosling examines whether breeding is more important than money (r)
6.00 Duet: No Reservations. American comedy. Richard and Linda attempt to enrol their unborn child in an exclusive nursery school. Meanwhile, Ben and Laura rekindle their romance. Starring Chris Lemmon, Alison La Placa, Matthew Laurence and Mary Page Keller
6.30 Happy Days: Rules to Date By. American comedy set in the Fifties. Richie (Ron Howard) and Lori Beth (Lynda Goodfriend) refuse to talk to each other during a weekend break. The singer Suzi Quatro makes a guest appearance
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow. Weather
7.50 Comment. A personal opinion on a topical subject



An analysis of the welfare state: Barbara Castle (8.00pm)

8.00 Opinions: Barbara Castle. The Labour peer, Baroness Castle of Blackburn, concludes the series with a political/historical analysis of the welfare state
8.30 Outside Time: Alternative Heroes. Concluding the series dramatising Celtic myths from the medieval work *The Mabinogion*. Seeking the guidance of Merlin the magician, King Arthur finds an alternative hero in Manawyden (Bryn Fon)
9.00 Rear Window: Salsa Fever. The international arts and culture series tunes into salsa, the fusion of Latin and Afro-Caribbean rhythms, popular on the British music scene
9.45 Re-Play: A Future in Fish. Continuing the series of short plays by writers new to television. Charley (Dexter Fletcher) hopes to escape his family's fishmonger business by joining the police. His father Alf (William Simons) determines to stop him. Written by Kevin Cotter (r)
10.00 Film: A Deadly Silence (1989). Harrowing drama, based on the book by Dena Kleiman, of the real-life trial of an American schoolgirl accused of hiring a classmate to murder her sexually abusive father. Starring Mike Farrell, Bruce Weitz and Heather Fairfield. Directed by John Patterson
11.50 The Dick Powell Theatre: Seeds of April (b/w). Dick Powell hosts another edition of the early Sixties American drama series. A lawyer attempts to have his mentally disturbed wife committed for an unsolved murder. Starring Gene Barry and Nina Foch
12.45am Art Blakey and the Jazz Messengers. Recorded at London's Ronnie Scott's in 1985. The late Art Blakey talks about his life, his music and his beliefs. Ends at **1.50**

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ANGLIA
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As London except: 1.50pm Blockbusters 2.20-2.50 The Sullivans 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Scotland Today 6.30-7.00 Trailblazers 7.30-8.00 Red Nine 11.40 The Equalizer 12.35am Vietnam: The Ten Thousand Day War 1.35 60 Minutes 2.35 Raw Power 3.35 The Guldenburg Inheritance 5.15-5.30 Jobfinder

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As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 An Invitation to Remember 3.23-3.55 Home and Away 5.10-5.40 Families 6.00 TSW Today 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 Great British Isles 11.40 Film: Children of the Corn 1.25am Special Squad 2.20 Video View 2.45 60 Minutes 3.40 Night Beat 4.35 Pop Profile 4.45 Nite Bites 5.00-6.30 TSW Farming Week

TVS
As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 The Young Doctors 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Coast to Coast 6.30-7.00 Emmerdale 7.30-8.00 Tell the Truth 11.40-12.30am Hardball

TYNE TEES
As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 Seeing Stars 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Northern Life 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 Talking Pictures 11.40 Film: Children of the Corn 1.25am Special Squad 2.20 Video View 2.45 60 Minutes 3.40 Night Beat: Bedrock 4.35 Midge Ure — In Profile 4.45 Nite Bites 5.00-5.30 Jobfinder

ULSTER
As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 Sons and Daughters 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Six Tonight 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 Once Upon a Place 11.40 Film: Children of the Corn 1.25am Special Squad 2.20 Video View 2.45 60 Minutes 3.40 Night Beat: Bedrock 4.35 Midge Ure — In Profile 4.45 Nite Bites 5.00-5.30 Jobfinder

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 1.50pm Graham Kerr 2.15-2.20 The Microwave Cook 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Calendar 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 Cannon and Ball's Playhouse 11.40 Your Match 12.40am Crime Story 1.35 Video View 2.05 60 Minutes 3.00 Music Box 4.00 About Britain 4.30-5.30 Jobfinder

S4C
Starts: 9.25am Sbectol 9.30 Sesame Street 10.30 Film: The Whole Town's Talking 12.00 Kennet and Avon 12.30pm Newyddion 12.40 Slot Meithrin 1.00 Countdown 1.30 Business Daily 2.00 Flowering Passions 2.30 A See of Belonging 3.30 Wagon Train 4.30 I Love Lucy 5.00 The Lone Ranger 5.30 The Henderson Kids 6.00 Newyddion 6.10 Heno 6.40 Penawde 7.00 Fe Hoffwyn I 7.30 Palu Mlaen 8.00 Golf 9.30 Newyddion *9.00 Violent Lives 10.00 The Golden Girls* 10.30 Intimate Letters 11.30 Re-Play 11.50 The Dick Powell Theatre 12.45am Art Blakey and the Jazz Messengers 1.50 Dweeld

RTE 1
Starts: 3.10pm News; Perry Mason 4.05 News; Kids and Allie 4.35 Clayhanger 5.30 A Country Practice 6.01 Se-One 6.30 Why People Smoke 8.40 Lifestyle Documentary 7.05 Kahs and Dog 7.30 Fleadh Fever 8.00 Jeeves and Wooster 9.00 News 9.20 Return to Paradise — The Belfast Celtic Story 10.15 Grand Ole Opry Live Backstage 10.45 Lou Grant 11.35 News

NETWORK 2
Starts: 2.30pm Bosco 3.00 The Den 3.05 Babar 3.30 The Jetsons 4.00 The Princess and the Flying Shoemaker 4.25 Happy Family 4.35 Don Conroy 5.00 Round the Twist 5.30 Tiny Toon Adventures 6.00 The Beachcombers 6.25 Home and Away 6.55 Nuacht 7.00 The Nature of Things 7.35 Empty Nest 8.00 News followed by Streets of San Francisco 9.00 American Dreamer 9.25 News, Gabriel's Fire 10.25 Punchestown An Irish Event 11.15 News

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am The DJ Kat Show 8.40 Mrs Pepperpot 8.55 Playabout 9.10 Cartoons 9.30 Mr Ed 10.00 The Lucy Show 10.30 The Young Doctors 11.00 The Bold and the Beautiful 11.30 The Young and the Restless 12.30pm Barnaby Jones 1.30 Another World 2.20 Santa Barbara 2.45 Wife of the Week 3.15 The Brady Bunch 3.45 The DJ Kat Show 5.00 Different Strokes 5.30 Bewitched 6.00 Family Ties 6.30 Sale of the Century 7.00 Love at First Sight 7.30 Doctor, Doctor 8.00 Crossings 10.00 Love at First Sight 10.30 Werewolf 11.00 Police Story 12.00 Monsters 12.30am Rowan and Martin's Laugh-In 1.00 Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
News on the hour
5.00am Sunrise 5.30 Newsline 8.00 Sunrise *9.30 Dayline 10.30 Beyond 2000 11.00* International Business Report 11.30 Dayline 12.30pm CBS News 1.30 CBS News 2.30 Our World 3.30 Our World: The Countryside Show 4.30 Beyond 2000 5.00 Live at Five 6.30 Newsline 8.30 Target 10.30 Newsline 11.30 CBS News 12.30 Newsline 1.30 CBS News 2.30 Target 3.30 Our World 4.30 Target

SKY MOVIES+
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am Showcase
10.00 Dream Chasers (1985): Drama about the unlikely friendship between a boy with a fatal illness and an elderley man. Starring Harold Gould and Justin Dana
12.00 Cold Sassy Tree (1989): When Richard Widmark's first wife dies he wastes no time in finding a new bride. With Faye Dunaway
1.45pm Mayerling (1969): Omar Sharif and Catherine Deneuve take over from Charles Boyer and Danielle Darrieux in a remake of the story of the crown prince of Austria's love for a commoner
4.00 The Adventure of Sherlock Holmes' Smarter Younger Brother (1975): Gene Wilder wrote, directed and stars in a spoof of the classic tales
5.40 Entertainment Tonight
6.00 Circle of Violence (1985): A widow physically unleashes her pent-up fury on her aged mother. Starring Tuesday Weld
8.00 Batman (1989) Michael Keaton and Jack Nicholson star in this rather serious version of the children's classic television show
10.10 Devil's Odds (1987): Two cops investigations lead to the discovery of a private army plotting to conquer America.
11.45 Sins of the Mother (1991): Drama highlighting the appalling influence a mother has on her son. Starring Elizabeth Montgomery
1.20am Graveyard Shift II (1988): A centuries-old vampire takes the leading role in a horror film. Starring Silvio Oliviero
3.50 Skin Deep (1988): John Ritter stars as a celebrated playwright and novelist whose home life is in tatters. Directed by Blake Edwards. Ends at 5.30

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
8.15am The Devil's Brigade (1968): American GIs are drafted to fight alongside Canadian troops during the second world war. Starring William Holden
8.15 The Captive Heart (1946): Michael Redgrave and Jack Warner star in a prisoner-of-war drama
10.15 The Cheyenne Social Club (1970): James Stewart and Henry Fonda star as two ageing cowboys who inherit a brothel
12.15pm The Little Prince (1974): A prince from a distant planet travels the universe trying to understand the meaning of life. Starring Bob Fosse and Gene Wilder
1.50 Henry V (1989): Kenneth Branagh and Emma Thompson star in a screen adaptation of Shakespeare's play
4.15 Missing Link (1988): A pseudo-documentary about the final days of a mythical creature
6.00 F.I.S.T. (1978): The rise and fall of a union leader. Starring Sylvester Stallone and Rod Steiger
8.15 Suspect (1987): Cher stars as an attorney defending a deaf-mute suspected of murder
10.15 In Country (1989): An uncle and niece are brought together by the Vietnam war. Starring Bruce Willis and Emily Lloyd
12.10am The Experts (1988): John Travolta and Ayre Gross unwittingly find themselves assisting the Russians to train their spys
1.45 Perfectly Normal (1990): Robbie Coltrane stars as a shifty chef who wants to open a restaurant with a grand opera theme
3.35 Stars and Bars (1988): A British art dealer travels to America's deep south to purchase a long-lost Renoir. Starring Daniel Day Lewis. Ends at 5.05

SKY SPORTS
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
11.00am Italian League Football 1.00pm Superboats 2.00 Watersports World 3.00 US Open Tennis 11.00 Kick 12.00 US Open Tennis

EUROSPORT
● Via the Astra satellite.
1.00pm Athletics 3.00 Tennis. Trelom Classic 2 4.00 Ice Skating from St Gervais, France 6.00 Surf: Hossegor France 6.30 Eurosport News 7.00 Powerboats 7.30 Old Cars Nurburgring 8.00 Camel Trophy 8.30 Athletics 9.30 Ice Skating 10.30 Eurosport News

SCREENSPORT
● Via the Astra satellite.
7.00am Eurobics 7.30 Tenpin Bowling 8.00 Sport de France 8.30 Bodybuilding 9.30 Eurobics 10.00 Stop USWA Wrestling 10.45 Tele-Schuss 11.00 Handball 1.00pm Powersports 2.00 International Speedway 3.00 Fight Night at the Forum 4.00 Tenpin Bowling 4.30 Futbol Espanol Highlights 5.00 Stop Offshore Powerboat Racing 5.45 Tele-Schuss '92 6.00 Motor Cycling 6.30 British Formula 3 Championship 7.00 Tenpin Bowling 8.00 Motor Sport Indy Car 9.00 Live Matchroom Pro Box 11.00 World Snooker Classics

LIFESTYLE
● Via the Astra satellite.
10.00am The Great American Gameshows 11.15 Coffee Break 11.20 Everyday Workout 11.50 Great Chefs of San Francisco 12.15pm Sally Jessy Raphael 1.05 Body Talk 1.10 Search for Tomorrow 1.40 The Edge of Night 2.05 Video Visits 2.30 Lifestyle Plus 2.40 Focus on Britain 3.10 White Shadow 4.00 Tea Break 4.10 Beverly Hills Buntz 4.40 The Great American Gameshows 5.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Programme 8.00 Close 10.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Programme 12.00 Satellite Jukebox

MTV
● Via the Astra satellite.
Twenty-four hours of rock and pop

RADIO 3

6.35-6.55am Open University (FM only) **6.55** Weather; News headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Ravel (La Vallée des Clochea); Haydn (*Quartet in D, Op 64 No 5*, The Lark; Hagen Quartet); Ravel (Menuet sur le non de Haydn)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Strauss (Der Rosenkavalier: Waltz, Sequence No 1); Duparc (Le Manoir de Rosamonde); Schubert (Rosamunde: Incidental Music)
8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week: Dvorák (Cypresses Nos 1, 2, 5, 9 and 11; Love Songs, Op 83 Nos 3-8; Piano Quintet No 1 in A, Op 5)
9.35 Morning Sequence: Britten (Overture: Paul Bunyan); Gottschalk (Souvenir de la Havane, Op 39); Bliss (Simples: Seven American Poems); H.L. Clarke (The Debutante); Bridge (Violin Sonata); Tobias Picker (Old and Lost Rivers: Houston SO under Christoph Eschenbach); Bliss (Angels of the Mind for soprano and piano); Britten (Suite Op 6 for violin and piano); Barber (Overture: The School for Scandal: Detroit So under Neeme Järvi); Bliss (Three Songs to Poems by W. H. Davies for soprano and piano)
11.40 Ulster Orchestra under Adrian Leaper, with Nikolai Demidenko, piano, performs Sibelius (Karelia Suite; Symphony No 7) and Medtner (Piano Concerto No 2 in C minor) (r)
1.00pm News
1.05 Mozart Summer: Christopher Kite performs Sonatas in C, K279, in F, K332 and in B flat, K570, on a copy of a Stein fortepiano (r)
2.00 Third Opinion (r)
2.45 The *Ballets of Bliss*: Part three of the four ballets of Sir Arthur Bliss continues with *Adam Zero*, played by the BBC SO under Barry Wordsworth
3.40 Paris International Guitar Week: The Aighetta Guitar Quartet performs Roberto Delanoff (Tango Sentimental); Joaquin Turina (La Oracion del torero); Milhaud (Le Boeuf sur le Toit)
4.25 London International String Quartet Competition: The Fidelio String Quartet from the US performs Beethoven (Quartet in C, Op 59 No 3, Rasumovsky) and the Russo String Quartet from the Soviet Union performs Debussy (Quartet in G minor, Op 10)
5.30 Mainly for Pleasure
6.55 News
7.00 Proms 1991: Live from the Albert Hall, London. BBC SO under David Atherton, with Artur Pizzaro, piano, performs Bridge (Enter Spring); Ravel (Piano Concerto in G) **7.45** London Poetry: Poems of Louis MacNeice read by Nigel Carrington. *Plus a homage to the poet written by Alan Jenkins* **8.05** Vaughan Williams (A London Symphony, Symphony No 2)
9.05 Form: Patric Dickinson selects from the poetry of W.H. Auden. Read by Nicky Henson, Caroline John, Anton Lesser and Gerard Murphy
9.25 *A Scholar and a Performer*
● CHOICE: A good idea on someone's part to remember a great man of music on what would have been, today, his seventieth birthday. Robert Thurston Dart, keyboard player, teacher and conductor as well as a prolific broadcaster, died 20 years ago but had to relinquish his orchestral commitments (he was artistic director of the Boyd Neel Orchestra) in 1959 because of ill health. He had begun his career as a harpsichordist in 1946. Grove calls Thurston Dart "an impulsive generous man, tremendously energetic and responsible for training a generation of music scholars"
10.00 Proms 1991: Live from the Albert Hall, London. Westminster Cathedral Choir under James O'Donnell performs Victoria (Motet and Mass, O Quam Gloriosum); Alonso Lobo (Ave Maria); Padilla (Salve Regina); Francisco Guerrero (Ave, Virgo Sanctissima, Regina Caeli); Victoria (Vidi Speciosam)
11.15 Summer Day: New London Orchestra under Ronald Corp performs music from the suite by Prokofiev
11.30 News
11.35-12.35am Composers of the Week: *C.P.E. Bach (Prussian* Sonata in E, Wq 48 No 3); Symphony in E minor, Wq 178); Württemberg Sonata in A minor; Harpsichord Concerto in A) (r)

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on **FM**
5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day (s) **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, *7.30, 8.00, 8.30*** News; *6.55*, **7.55** Weather **8.43** Stardust and Sawdust: The playwright and actor Henry Livings reminisces on life in the theatre (new series) **8.58** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Call Nick Ross: Labour's relationship with the trade unions. Call 071-580 4411 **10.00** News; Medicine Now: Geoff Watts reports on contraceptives, past, present and future
10.30 Morning Story: Cannibals by Jeff Long. Read by Peter Whitman
10.45 Daily Service (s)
11.00 News; Something to Celebrate: In the second of three programmes reflecting on a special day, the people of Puddletown in Dorset gather for the annual carnival (s) (r)
11.25 From Our Own Correspondent
11.50 Cherry Blossom Blues: The Captain's Captain. Welsh writer Alun Richards talks about his experiences of living in Japan
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm Looking Forward to the Past: Robert Booth peruses the past with some eminent guests (s) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Woman's Hour: Includes an interview with Susan Chitty, daughter of Antonia White, who has just published her mother's diaries; a feature on the fortieth anniversary of the Festival of Britain; and a short item on aromatherapy for dogs
3.00 News; Thirty-Minute Theatre: Speak Now by Tina Pepler stars Francesca Annis in a drama about the language of grief(s)
3.32 The Tingle Factor: Robin Ray asks Barbara Amiel what music sends shivers down her spine (s)
4.00 News; Age to Age: The story of the Fitzalan Howard family
4.30 Kaleidoscope: Includes a feature on a music summer school in Canford; an interview with Michael Holroyd about the third volume of his biography of George Bernard Shaw; a review of the new novel by former Booker prize winner Peter Carey and an interview with the Australian author; and a progress report from the set of Oliver Stone's new film about the assassination of John F. Kennedy (s)
5.00 PM **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 News
6.30 The Million Pound Radio Show (s) (r)
7.00 News **7.05** The Archers
7.20 Relative Values: The Crisans. Michael O'Donnell continues his exploration of how shifting social and moral attitudes have affected family life in Britain by visiting the Crisans, twin Romanian brothers who do not share the same view of Britain (s) (r)
8.00 Science Now. Weekly review of discoveries and developments in science (r)
8.30 Education of the Heart: Malcolm Jones tells the story of Anne Jemima Clough, the first principal of Newnham College, Cambridge
8.45 In Touch: A report from the Blind Students' Conference
9.15 Kaleidoscope (s) (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight (s) **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight (s)
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Black Lamb and Grey Falcon. Diana Rigg reads from Rebecca West's book about her travels through Yugoslavia
11.00 Out of Order: Chairman Patrick Hannan is joined by MPs Julian Critchley and Austin Mitchell and their guests for the political quiz (s) (r)
11.30 Mind the Gap. Parents talk frankly about what they think of their teenage children
12.00-12.43am News **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast

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RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. 4.00am Neale James (FM only) **6.00** Simon Mayo **9.00** Simon Bates 12.30pm Newsbeat 12.45 Gary Davies: Let's Do Lunch 3.00 Steve Wright in the Afternoon 5.30 News 91 6.00 Jakki Brambles 7.30 Mark *Goodier's Evening Session 10.00 Nicky Campbell Goes into the Night 12.00-4.00am* Bob Harris (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 4.00am Steve Madden: The Early Show 6.00 Ken Bruce 7.30 Derek Jameson 9.30 Judith Chalmers 11.00 Jimmy Young 1.05pm David Jacobs 2.00 Gloria Hunniford 4.00 Sheridan Morley 5.05 John Dunn's Answers Please 7.00 The Marx Brothers' Flywheel, Shyster and Flywheel: Michael Roberts and Frank Lazarus star a Groucho and Chico Marx in a new series of classic comedy recreations 7.30 Moira Stuart 9.00 The Choirgirl Gala Concert 10.00 Chris Stuart 12.05am Jazz Parade 12.35 Bill Rennells with Night Ride 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music

RADIO 5

News and sport on the hour until 7.00pm. 6.00am World Service; News and 24 Hours 6.30 Morning Edition, incl 6.30, 7.30, 8.30, News, Sport 8.00 Take Five: With Caron Keating and guest Helen Rollason 10

Craig says only he was guilty

By WILLIAM CASH

CHRISTOPHER Craig, convicted with Derek Bentley of shooting a policeman in November 1952 on the roof of a south London warehouse, has accused the police of a conspiracy to send Bentley to the gallows as he was too young, at 16, to be hanged himself. He repeated his claim that Bentley never said: "Let him have it, Chris."

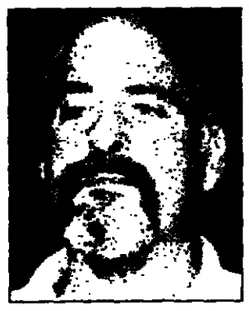
Bentley, a 19-year-old with the mental age of a child, was hanged in January 1953, although he did not fire the fatal shot and had been under arrest for 20 minutes when the killing occurred.

In an interview with *Thames Reports* screened tonight, Mr Craig, now 55 and speaking publicly for the first time since the trial, insists that Bentley never said the words attributed to him by the police which led to his execution. "He didn't say a word. I didn't hear Bentley speak the whole time ... He was just taken away, meek and mildly. Bentley wasn't aggressive. He was ... flash, but non-aggressive. I don't believe he'd harm a fly".

Last month the Home Secretary reopened the case, and Mr Craig expressed his hope that his coming forward to speak will help, along with corroborating witnesses, to win Bentley a posthumous pardon.

According to Mr Craig, the shooting dead of PC Miles was entirely his fault. "I am guilty as charged of that crime, as equally Bentley wasn't ..." Released from jail after 10 years, Mr Craig underwent a polygraph (lie detector) test to prove he was telling the truth.

Bentley's 60-year-old sister, Iris, yesterday said she was moved by Mr Craig's decision to speak publicly. "All I've really thought about is the pardon ... I don't want revenge, I just want justice".



Craig: accepts all the blame for 1952 murder

STEPHEN MARKESON



Hunting by hawk: Martin Jones, left, and his "cadger", Neil Davies, grouse hunting with peregrine falcons and English pointers on the Tulchan estate at Grantown-on-Spey, Morayshire. Fewer than 40 people still take part in the sport in Scotland, and some of those are from the Continent. The "cadger" takes his name from the "cadge", a padded wooden frame on which he carries falcons not being used by the hawker

Major raises human rights

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planned talks with Chinese leaders that "an important part of the dialogue will be on human rights. I will raise the issue and carry it as far as I can without provoking a breakdown of communications".

He is sensitive to criticism in some quarters that he should not be visiting Peking. But he is adamant that he is required to do so to save the airport agreement he will sign today for Hong Kong. He said on the flight: "China has had a period of isolation. It needs people going in and telling them face to face what the rest of the world thinks."

The prime minister, the first senior Western figure to visit the Chinese capital since the Tiananmen Square massacre, added: "The vast majority of the people in Hong Kong are pleased I am going, because they recognise the importance of the airport agreement and what would happen to Hong Kong if I did not sign it. I have to live in the real world. It would not be proper for one to sit back and strike attitudes and let Hong Kong pay the price."

Mr Major, who is to tell the Chinese that their record on human rights is weakening Hong Kong by driving away key personnel before 1997, is aware that he faces the "dead face" response from the Chinese. He was planning to make his protests in private rather than in public, hoping in that way to achieve more practical results.

He was anxious not to alienate the Chinese, not only over Hong Kong but also because he and President Bush are keen to maintain Chinese co-operation among the permanent five United Nations Security Council members. Mr Major also wants to push the Chinese further on the nuclear non-proliferation treaty.

Michael Yahuda, page 12

THE EXPANDING TIMES

On Saturday *The Times* launches a 16-page broadsheet colour section, *Weekend Times*, which is certain to increase demand for a weekend newspaper already offering the award-winning *Saturday Review* in addition to unrivalled news, sport and business coverage. *Weekend Times* is designed to get you out, not keep you in. It will be packed with ideas for the weekend: gardening tips, places to visit (for a few hours or the whole weekend), the pick of forthcoming entertainment, places to take the children (or send them), what's new in the shops, what's on offer in the property market. Order Saturday's *Times* today

US recognises the Baltics

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never recognised their forcible incorporation into the Soviet Union in 1940. America would look at each case individually, he said. His comments underscored a White House preference for dealing with some form of central government rather than being forced to reshape its foreign policy to accommodate as many as 15 separate governments.

America's delay in granting the Baltics full diplomatic status was a sign of respect for Mr Gorbachev. Mr Bush said the Soviet leader "very much appreciated" the prudence. America had refused to be "stampeded into doing something that the whole world knew we were going to do anyway," he added.

Although Mr Bush said the United States would immediately establish diplomatic ties with the Baltics, he announced no appointments. Baltic leaders had been waiting for full American recognition as a sign of international legitimacy. America has allowed Baltic missions in Washington but has no diplomats in the republics.

Washington is expected to play an important role in working out extensive economic assistance to the three states as they try to make their industries more competitive. The American agriculture secretary, Edward Madigan, is due to travel to the Soviet Union with private sector businessmen next month to try to improve the system of food distribution. Mr Bush has also ordered James Baker, his Secretary of State, to discuss with a top aid administrator a possible extension of medical assistance to the Soviet Union next year.

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KABUL NOTEBOOK Christopher Thomas

Money changers gain little credit in falling market

To change foreign currency at the money market in Kabul you need a sizeable bag. Notes come in thick wads of 10,000 Afs, the Afghan currency, equal to about £6. In return for £100 you receive a parcel of tattered and rapidly depreciating red banknotes tied with string.

The market is a collection of tumbledown wooden huts with broken windows and, pointlessly, bars on the doors. People stroll through its dusty alleyways hauling stacks of cash like dirty linen.

The money changers are mostly Sikhs and Hindus who came from India a century or more ago and live uneasily in their own section of Kabul. Half the people with money in this bombed-out city seem to be Sikhs.

The money dealers are a resented breed, with their big, black briefcases stuffed full of American dollars. They hold bank accounts all over the world. Many speak Russian, a legacy of the days when they did brisk business changing roubles for Soviet soldiers. Business has not been nearly so good since the troops left in early 1989.

Technically the money changers are black marketeers, but the government encourages their trade, which supplies a little oil to an economy that has creaked almost to a stop.

Each day they change about $100,000. The government's official exchange rate is 55 Afs for an American dollar; the money market gives almost 20 times that, along with a cup of green tea and half an hour of hand-shaking with the family.

The mud-coloured city, pounded almost every day by enemy rockets, is desperately poor, but it has pockets of ostentatious wealth. A beggarwoman in purdah stands outside a shop that sells ornate gold jewellery from Iran and Iraq.

A blind man stands with hand outstretched outside a shop selling Japanese televisions and videos smuggled across the porous border with Pakistan. A shiny black Volga car cruises by, its occupant hidden behind dark glass. Drug dealers shuffle through the dark alleyways, making a good living from the poor.

Before the war this was a bustling city, with restaurants, cinemas and theatres. There has been an evening curfew for years, which hardly matters to anybody because there is nowhere to go. Electricity comes and goes at night; usually it goes. Families are mostly vegetarian, perforce, because meat is now so expensive.

With the severe Kabul winter looming, the long dark days ahead are going to be miserable. Paraffin and diesel, which are used for heating, are hard to get and also beyond most people's pockets.

There is one other big market in Kabul besides the money market. It is called Chicken Street, a narrow thoroughfare with small shops on either side, catering mostly to foreigners. Who else would want to buy Heinz baked beans and Kellogg's cornflakes? These, too, have been brought in from Pakistan.

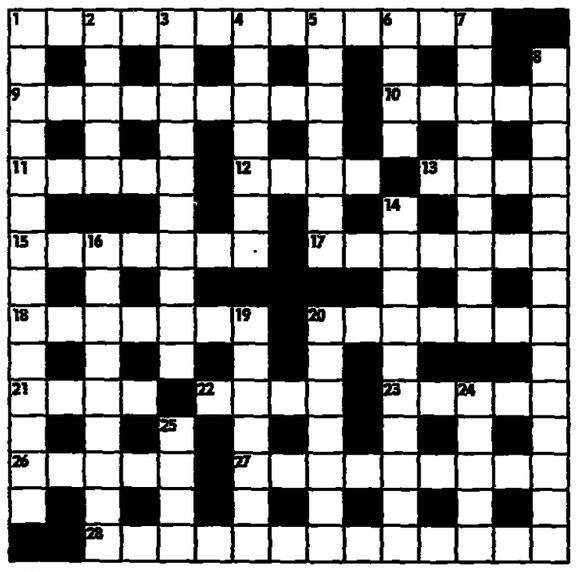
Many carpet stores sell the antique rugs that seem to decorate the floors of every expatriate house. The United Nations and the International Committee of the Red Cross have large contingents of foreign workers in Kabul. All seem to be fanatical carpet-buyers.

American cigarettes and European beer are also for sale. And a sign in one shop, written in English and Persian, declares: "Great Britain-made birthday cards available here."

France and Italy have reopened their embassies in Kabul, but Britain and some other Western countries are staying out. The Eastern Europeans seem to be losing interest: the Hungarians are leaving and others are thinking of following.

The former British embassy is one of the most attractive buildings in the capital. It is a dazzling white mansion, with neat lawns and a big half-moon drive. After vandals damaged the embassy club, British officials in Delhi arranged for Gurkhas to be sent out to guard the premises. One day, presumably, Britain will want to open up shop again.

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ACROSS

1 Arab standing by arches in the gym? (8-5).
9 Boat in river, carrying volunteers to islands (9).
10 The wisdom of such a charge? (5).
11 Rare object seen about university city (5).
12 The first man Jarndyce's ward married (4).
13 Stock of pigs rejected, but not in Wodehouse's ending (4).
15 Obtain a hundred and four folded sheets of paper (7).
17 Sweep the area (7).
18 Each rim damaged? It's monstrous! (7).
20 Utter oaths about a cat's habits (7).
21 Liberal president, so to speak (4).
22 Minion gets plunder in retreat (4).
23 Game doctor has a dance (5).
26 Fish-eater appearing in Holy Writ three times (5).
27 Phoney parliament defended by fellow at university (7-2).
28 Confuses players coming in by ship (6-7).

DOWN

1 University administrator briefly displaying miniature Victoria Cross (4-10).
2 Perfect state? (5).
3 Worried Tories adopt member with hesitation — he procrastinates (10).
4 Give an account of charge incurred in the first place (7).
5 Man introducing prohibition in north-east plant (7).
6 Woodland path where Lucy Ashton lost her head (4).
7 Ten operas translated into Zamenhof's language (9).
8 Presumptuous young man, aggressive physically and verbally? (14).
14 It may indicate possession of an address (10).
16 Prompt measure taken by dancers (9).
19 Be troubled after entering note in margin (7).
20 Misrepresents the national flag (7).
24 Two mothers thus formally addressed (5).
25 Raised money in an audience (4).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,700

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WORD WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

ROCKAWAY
a. Mad, half-witted
b. A breed of poultry
c. A four-wheeled pleasure carriage

URENT
a. A peppercorn rent
b. Diving in heraldry
c. Stinging

CANCELIER
a. A chancellor or treasurer
b. A shepherd
c. To turn on the wing before stopping

STRADIOT
a. A besieging bridge
b. One with no sense of direction
c. A Venetian light horseman

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WEATHER

Most areas will continue dry with long sunny periods, but with a risk of isolated showers in the South-West. Eastern and central districts of England and southeast Scotland will have a cloudy start, persisting in some eastern coastal districts. The far north of Scotland will be cloudy at times with drizzle over the Shetlands. Outlook: dry, sunny and warm in most parts with light rain in the far north of Scotland.

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	27	81	s	Madrid	29	84	s
Alicante	28	82	s	Majorca	29	84	s
Alex'dria	27	81	f	Malaga	28	82	s
Algiers	32	90	f	Malta	29	84	s
Amst'dm	25	77	s	Malt'rne	15	59	r
Athens	27	81	f	Miami*	31	88	f
Bahrain	34	93	s	Milan	24	75	s
Bangkok	33	91	f	Montreal*	16	61	f
Barbados*	30	86	f	Moscow	15	59	c
Barcelna	26	77	s	Munich	23	73	s
Beirut	28	82	s	Nairobi	22	72	c
Belgrade	25	77	f	Naples	30	86	s
Berlin	26	79	s	N Delhi	30	86	c
Bermuda*	29	84	f	N York*	19	66	s
Biarritz	24	75	f	Nice	27	81	s
Borde'x	24	75	f	Oslo	23	73	c
Brussels	24	75	r	Paris	21	70	c
Budapst	25	77	s	Peking	25	77	c
B Aires*	16	61	s	Perth	18	61	c
Cairo	30	86	s	Prague	22	72	f
Cape Tn	24	75	s	Reykjavik	12	54	d
Chicago*	23	73	s	Rhodes	27	81	s
Ch'church	15	59	f	Rio de J	20	68	f
Cologne	28	82	s	Riyadh	40	104	s
C'phagn	23	73	s	Rome	27	81	f
Corfu	27	81	s	Salzburg	23	73	s
Dublin	22	72	s	S F'risco*	18	64	s
Dubrovnik	27	81	s	Santiago*	13	55	r
Faro	27	81	s	S Paulo*	18	61	d
Florence	28	82	s	Seoul	28	84	f
Frankfurt	27	81	s	Sing'por	28	79	f
Funchal	28	79	s	St'holm	22	72	s
Geneva	20	68	f	Strasb'rg	25	77	c
Gibraltar	26	77	s	Sydney	17	63	s
Helsinki	26	77	s	Tangier	28	84	s
Hong K	32	90	f	Tel Aviv	27	81	s
Innsbruk	25	77	s	Tenerife	28	82	s
Istanbul	28	79	s	Tokyo	32	90	s
Jeddah	34	93	s	Toronto*	18	61	s
Jo'burg*	12	54	c	Tunis	32	90	f
Karachi	31	88	f	Valencia	27	81	f
L Palmas	28	82	s	Venice	25	77	f
Le Touqt	24	75	c	Venice	25	77	r
Lisbon	28	79	s	Vienna	24	75	s
Locarno	24	75	f	Warsaw	23	73	s
London	22	72	s	Wash'ton*	24	75	s
L Angels*	23	73	s	Wel'ton	15	59	r
Luxembg	23	73	c	Zurich	23	73	s
Luxor	36	95	s				

* denotes figures are latest available

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	10.1	-	19	66	sunny
Anglesey	10.1	-	24	75	sunny
Aviemore	11.0	-	25	77	sunny
Belfast	8.4	-	23	73	sunny
Birmingham	8.7	-	28	82	bright
Blackpool	12.0	-	25	77	sunny
Bognor Regis	8.4	-	24	75	sunny
Bournemouth	3.3	-	22	72	cloudy
Bristol	3.1	-	21	70	cloudy
Cardiff	1.3	-	19	66	cloudy
Colwyn Bay	11.0	-	22	72	sunny
Cromer	12.4	-	22	72	sunny
Edinburgh	9.1	-	21	70	sunny
Exmouth	0.1	.04	21	70	dull
Falmouth	0.5	.03	17	63	dull
Folkestone	9.8	-	26	79	sunny
Glasgow	8.9	-	23	73	bright
Hastings	10.1	-	24	75	sunny
Hunstanton	12.4	-	23	73	sunny
Jersey	0.1	.50	18	64	rain
Leeds	7.7	-	25	77	sunny
Lerwick	4.4	-	15	59	bright
Littlehampton	6.7	-	25	77	sunny
London	11.7	-	28	64	sunny
Newquay	0.4	.05	19	66	rain
Nottingham	9.0	-	27	81	bright
Penzance	-	-	19	66	fog
Plymouth	0.3	.31	18	64	rain
Southsea	4.9	-	23	73	cloudy
St. Ives	0.7	.02	18	64	fog
Stornoway	10.9	-	21	70	sunny
Teignmouth	-	-	21	70	dull
Tenby	1.0	.01	18	64	cloudy
Torquay	0.3	.02	22	72	cloudy
Weymouth	-	-	21	70	cloudy
Wick	12.6	-	18	64	sunny
Worthing	6.9	-	25	77	sunny

Sunday's figures are latest available

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Honington, Suffolk, 29C (84F); lowest day max: Tynemouth, Tyne and Wear, and St Abbs Head, Borders, 13C (55F); highest rainfall: Yeovilton, Somerset, 0.15 in; highest sunshine: Morecambe, Lancashire, 12.6 hr.

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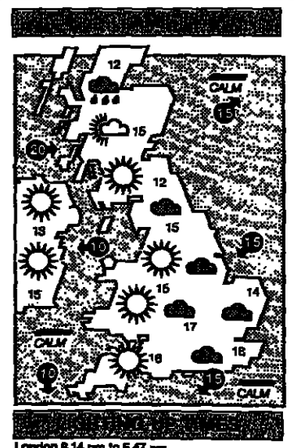
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N E England	718
Cumbria & Lake District	719
S W Scotland	720
W Central Scotland	721
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E Central Scotland	723
Grampian & E Highlands	724
N W Scotland	725
Caithness,Orkney & Shetland	726
N Ireland	727

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	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.255	2.105
Austria Sch	21.80	20.10
Belgium Fr	63.25	59.25
Canada $	2.035	1.985
Denmark Kr	11.87	11.12
Finland Mkk	7.52	7.07
France Fr	10.38	9.74
Germany Dm	3.07	2.87
Greece Dr	385.00	315.00
Hong Kong $	13.60	12.60
Ireland Pr	1.147	1.077
Italy Lire	2320.00	2150.00
Japan Yen	248.75	228.75
Netherlands Gld	3.455	3.235
Norway Kr	12.08	11.26
Portugal Esc	262.00	244.00
South Africa Rd	5.40	4.80
Spain Pta	189.75	176.75
Sweden Kr	11.20	10.45
Switzerland Fr	2.68	2.51
Turkey Lira	8300.00	7500.00
USA $	1.78	1.655
Yugoslavia Dnr	DNB	40.00

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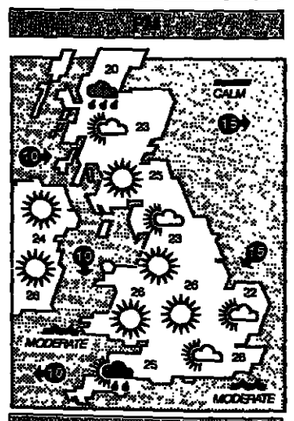
Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 21C (70F); min 6pm to 6am, 7C (45F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 7.5 hr.



London 6.14 pm to 5.47 am
Bristol 8.28 pm to 6.57 am
Edinburgh 8.34 pm to 6.52 am
Manchester 8.25 pm to 5.52 am
Penzance 8.33 pm to 6.11 am

Sun rises: 6.15 am
Sun sets: 7.44 pm
Moon sets 4.54 pm
Moon rises 12.43 pm
New moon September 6

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 26C (79F); min 6pm to 6am, 15C (59F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 9.5 hr.



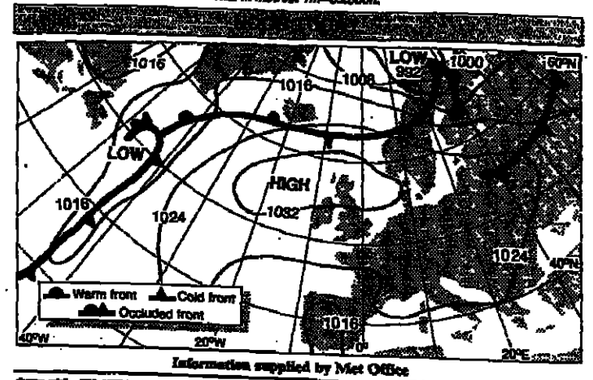
Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	23	73	s	Guernsey	20	68	f
B'ningham	22	72	s	Inverness	16	59	c
Blackpool	26	79	s	Jersey	21	70	s
Bristol	20	68	c	London	22	72	s
Cardiff	21	70	s	M'nchster	26	79	s
Edinburgh	15	59	c	Newcastle	14	57	c
Glasgow	19	66	s	R'nldsway	23	73	s

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 27C (81F); min 6pm to 6 am, 16C (61F). Humidity: 6pm, 52 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, trace. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 10 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1,024.6 millibars, rising. 1,000 millibars=29.53in.

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	8.34	5.7	9.15	5.9	Liverpool	6.13	7.5	7.00	7.5
Aberdeen	8.46	3.5	9.26	3.5	Lowestoft	4.58	2.1	5.18	2.1
Avonmouth	1.32	10.1	2.12	10.0	Margate	6.51	4.0	7.27	4.1
Belfast	6.12	3.0	6.50	3.1	Milford Haven	12.50	6.4	1.31	5.3
Cardiff	1.17	9.05	1.57	9.4	Newquay			12.31	5.4
Devonport			1.04	4.3	Oban	12.53	2.9	1.14	2.9
Dover	5.52	5.4	6.34	5.4	Penzance			12.24	4.3
Falmouth			12.24	4.1	Portland	1.13	1.4	1.50	1.5
Glasgow	7.20	4.1	7.52	4.3	Portsmouth	6.58	3.6	7.28	3.9
Harwich	6.37	3.9	7.14	3.4	Shoreham	6.02	4.9	6.51	4.9
Holyhead	5.31	4.5	6.20	4.5	Southampton	8.15	3.8	6.51	3.6
Hull	12.51	5.9	1.42	5.9	Swansea	1.01	7.4	1.48	7.3
Ilfracombe	12.34	7.1	1.15	7.0	Tees	11.18	4.3	11.57	4.3
King's Lynn	1.00	5.0	1.54	5.0	W'ton-on-Nze	6.39	3.5	7.11	3.6
Leith	10.00	4.5	10.42	4.5					

Tide in metres: 1m=3.280ft.



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THE TIMES

BUSINESS

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Business Editor
John Bell

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 3 1991

Lotus Cars confirms loss of 300 jobs

LOTUS Cars yesterday confirmed 300 job losses at its main plant at Hethel, near Norwich, because of the slump in the important American market.

The sports car maker said most of the redundancies, affecting one in three at the plant, would be voluntary. The decision had been made in close consultation with the staff council, the company said.

Michael Kimberly, chairman, said: "The effects of the worldwide recession and the introduction of additional vehicle taxation in key markets such as the US and the UK have hit very hard."

Despite a 26 per cent increase in sales in Britain, the sharp downturn in America forced Lotus to restructure its business worldwide. Other European luxury car makers, including Jaguar, Porsche, Mercedes-Benz, BMW and Audi, have also been hit hard in the US.

Fraud charge

Two key figures in Japan's biggest post-war loan fraud, Nui Onoue, a restaurant owner, and Tomomi Maekawa, a former bank branch manager, were charged with forgery and fraud yesterday. The two are said to have admitted forging Toyo Shinkin Bank deposit certificates worth 350 billion yen (£1.5 billion) which prosecutors say Onoue used as collateral to borrow money from other institutions.

Payout raised

Persimmon, the house building group, raised its half-year dividend to 2.8p from 2.3p despite a fall in pre-tax profits to £12.5 million from £15.5 million in the six months to end-June on sales up from £68 million to £68.5 million. Earnings fell from 12.7p to 10.1p a share.

Tempus, page 21

THE POUND

US dollar
1.6845 (+0.0085)
German mark
2.9420 (+0.0065)
Exchange index
90.8 (+0.3)

Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKETS

FT 30 share
2108.3 (+29.0)
FT-SE 100
2679.6 (+33.9)
New York Dow Jones
3043.60 (–6.04)*
Tokyo Nikkei Avge
22469.01 (+133.14)

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Allied Lyons	616½p (+21p)
Grand Met	840p (+11p)
SG Warburg	520p (+11p)
Reed Int	474½p (+12p)
Elem	193p (+10p)
Elys (Wimbledon)	800p (+25p)
Reckitt & Colman	715p (+15p)
BOC	622p (+18p)
ADT	507½p (+20p)
RM Douglas	580p (+17p)
Tiphook	553½p (+20p)
Liberty	630p (+35p)
General Accident	569½p (+17p)
Legal & General	453½p (+11p)
Harland Simon	600p (+25p)
MTM	285p (+14p)
Greycoat	204p (+13p)

FALLS:

G Oliver	116p (–58p)
Grainger	100p (–8p)
Wamford	230p (–8p)

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 11%
3-month interbank 10⅝–10¾%
3-month eligible bills: 10¼–10⅜%
US: Prime Rate 8½%
Federal Funds 5½%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.33-5.32%*
30-year bonds 100⅝–100²⁹/₃₂*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.6855	£: $1.6808*
£: DM2.9437	$: DM1.7470*
£: SwFr2.5839	$: SwFr1.5263*
£: FFr10.0026	$: FFr5.9325*
£: Yen230.41	$: Yen136.83*
£: Index90.6	$: Index66.6
ECU £0.698462	SDR £0.792519
£: ECU1.431717	£: SDR1.261799

Forex market close

GOLD

London fixing:
AM $347.60 pm $347.85
close $347.75-348.25 (£206.25-206.75)
New York:
Comex $347.85-348.35*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Sep) ..... $20.65 bbl ($20.65)

RETAIL PRICES

RPI: 133.8 July (1987=100)

* Denotes Friday's close

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Bid speculation fuels share buying

Economic boost sends market to fresh peaks

By MICHAEL CLARK, STOCK MARKET CORRESPONDENT

SHARE prices and bonds on the London market surged to their highest levels ever, bolstered by a steady stream of good news on political and economic fronts.

A futures-led advance saw the FT-SE 100 index touch an all-time trading high of 2,680.4, despite the absence of trading on Wall Street, which was closed for the Labor Day celebrations. The index closed just below its trading best at a record 2,679.6, a rise of 33.9. Government securities closed with gains of £½ at the longer end, amid growing optimism about another early cut in bank base rates.

Brokers had further good news for investors last night, telling them that there was little sign yet of the market running out of steam.

The equity market began the two-week trading account confidently, helped by the latest economic survey from the Confederation of British Industry, the employers' organisation, claiming that all areas of industry were starting to report that the first signs of a pick-up were filtering through.

CBI reports have become increasingly bullish in recent weeks and are now in a similar vein to earlier publications from City brokers forecasting an end to the recession.

The CBI's findings will come as an additional boost to the government, which has slipped ahead of the Labour party in the latest political opinion polls for the first time in months.

With the Conservative party conference a month away, City experts are starting to talk in terms of another half-point cut in base rates and even a November general election.

Dealers reckoned last night that the next cut might coincide with publication of the retail price index in a couple of weeks.

This may come as good news to investors, but it is making life difficult for market-makers who have been short of stock for some time. Their only option to deter buyers is to continue marking share prices sharply higher.

Their efforts met with some success yesterday, with only 368 million shares changing hands, but persistent bid speculation among such companies as ICI, Allied-Lyons and Cadbury Schweppes is making their job harder. Dealers say that although there are few buyers in the market place, there are even fewer sellers. Until some stock comes on offer, the squeeze is likely to continue.

Investors have been focusing their attention on those companies worst hit by the recession and geared to perform strongly at the first signs of an upturn. These include the retailers, hoteliers such as Forte and manufacturers such as Courtaulds and Pearson.

Jerry Evans, market strategist with County NatWest WoodMac, the broker, said only firm evidence that the recovery is not as strong as some investors imagine, and a number of large rights issues, will succeed in taking some of the steam out of the market.

He said the amount of stock circulating in the market has found to be wanting: "Institutions might not want to buy, but they don't want to sell either," he added.

Mr Evans is forecasting a period of consolidation during the next few months, with the index ending the year around 2,700 to 2,750.

Richard Kersley, at Barclays de Zoete Wedd, believes the market may be running ahead of events.

He said: "Quite a lot of good news has already been taken on board. We are holders of the market and would be reluctant to push it further at present." He forecasts a 2,900 year-end index.

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Helicopter deal lifts Westland

By OUR CITY STAFF

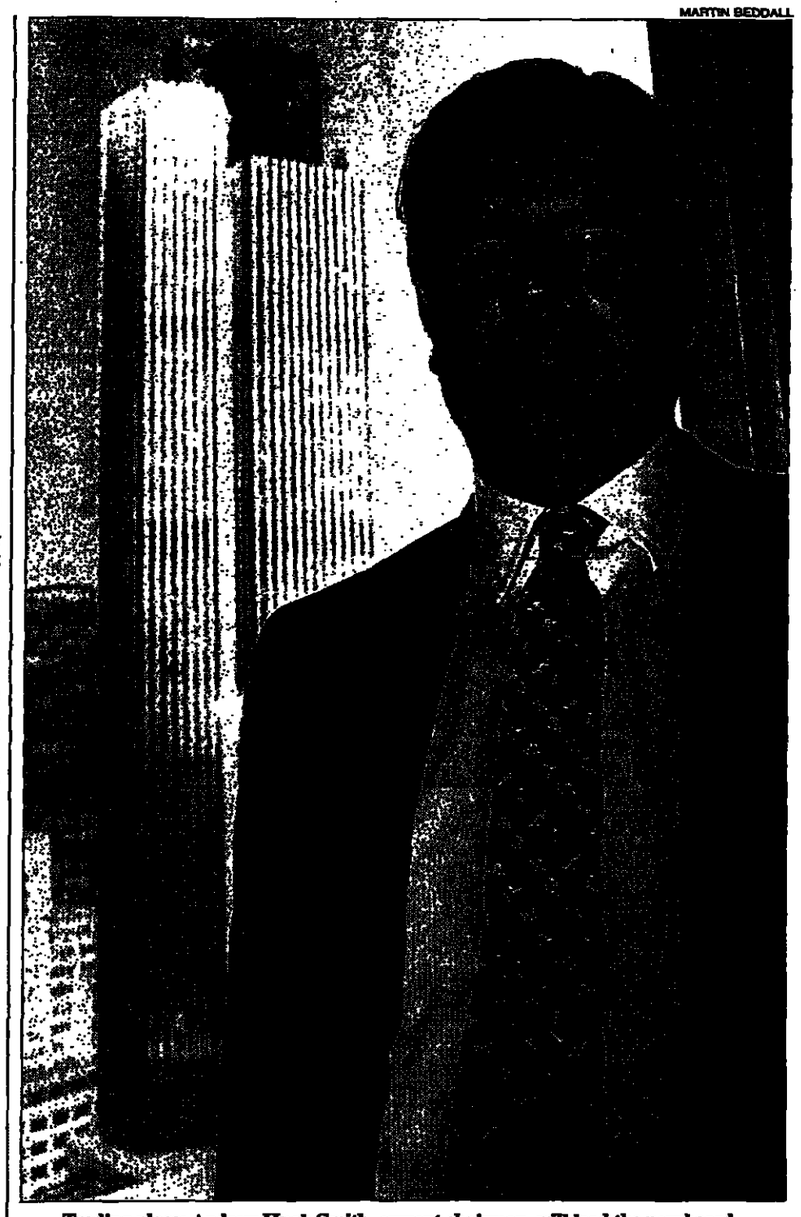
WESTLAND shares rose strongly after the Royal Navy announced a £1.5 billion order for 44 EH101 Merlin submarine hunters to replace its ageing Sea King helicopters.

By the close, Westland shares had risen 14p to 135p, compared to the 40p nadir reached in early 1986 as the political argument raged over who should rescue the group. The post-rescue high is 152p reached in February 1989.

Main suppliers of equipment to the Merlin are Westland and Agusta, of Italy, who will jointly make the airframe; Rolls-Royce, Turbomeca of France, GEC Ferranti, Racal, Ferranti-Thomson, GEC Avionics, and GEC Sensors.

Vosper shares were also strong yesterday rising 15p to 277p after Tom King, the defence secretary, said that the Southampton yard and Yarrow, on the Clyde, were on the verge of clinching the biggest joint warship export order for more than 20 years. Negotiations for the sale of four corvettes to two countries are at an advanced stage.

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MARTIN BEDDALL

Trading place: Andrew Hugh Smith, current chairman, will lead the new board

New look for SE board

Andrew Hugh Smith, ex-change chairman.
Peter Rawlins, chief executive.
Jane Barker, finance director.
Peter Hogarth, managing director, trading markets division.
Rod Margree, managing director, settlement services division.
Lord Alexander of Weedon, chairman, National Westminster Bank.
Donald Brydon, chairman and chief executive, BZW Asset Management.
Stephen Cooke, chief executive, Gerrard Vivian Gray.
Koichi Kane, chairman, Nomura International.
John Kemp-Welch, senior partner, Cazenove.
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John Webster, managing director, Sun Life Asset Management.
Peter Wilmot-Sitwell, chairman, S G Warburg Securities.

Exchange brings in outside directors

By COLIN NARBROUGH

THE London Stock Exchange's ruling council has taken it a step further away from its old, club-like structure by choosing outsiders, including the chairmen of National Westminster Bank and Guinness, the drinks group, to join its new corporate-style board.

Formal approval of 25 candidates to form the board came at what was probably the 30-strong council's final meeting before it is superseded next month, after an egm.

The replacement of the council, composed exclusively of exchange members, with a board that draws on leading people from banking, industry and investment institutions, in addition to financial intermediaries, is part of the last phase of the revolution that began in 1986 with Big Bang.

In July, the Exchange shareholders scrapped its 19th century deed of settlement, and replaced it with a new memorandum and articles of association.

The candidates for the board include two Americans, a Japanese, a Swiss and an Australian. Jane Barker, the Exchange's finance director, is the only woman to be proposed.

Andrew Hugh Smith, the current Stock Exchange chairman, heads the list as proposed board chairman. Herschel Post, chief operating officer of Lehman Brothers International, and Ian Salter, director of Société Générale Strauss Turnbull Private Clients, have been put forward as deputy chairmen. Both are on the departing council.

Most prominent of the outsiders is Lord Alexander of Weedon, chairman of NatWest. From industry, Anthony Tennant, chairman of Guinness, has been chosen.

Apart from five executives, directors will receive an annual non-executive directorship fee of about £12,500, obliging them to attend board meetings and provide an audit committee.

Mr Hugh Smith made clear that, despite recent scandals, the selection of Koichi Kane, chairman of Nomura International, and Charles McVeigh, chairman of Salomon Brothers International, reflected that he was "as satisfied as humanly possible" with their credentials.

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Brent Walker dips after talk of threat

By MATTHEW BOND

SHARES in Brent Walker shed almost a third of their value in response to reports that Power Corporation, the Irish property group, had threatened to put the leisure group into receivership.

Having touched a low of 13½p, the shares recovered most of their fall as sources close to Power played down the threat. They closed at 16½p, 1½p down on the day.

Brent Walker owes an undisclosed amount to Walker Power, an associate company jointly owned by Brent Walker and Power Corporation, and which owns the Trocadero centre in London, the adjacent "island site" group of properties and a shopping centre in Blackpool.

In April, Power and Brent Walker agreed provisional terms to unscramble the joint venture, with Power assuming full ownership of the Trocadero centre and Brent taking the island properties. The deal has yet to be completed.

Yesterday, Robin Power, chairman of Power Corporation and Walker Power, was not available to comment.



Power: unavailable

ASW suffers from steel price war

By MARTIN BARROW

ASW Holdings, the steel and wire group, has urged the European Commission to investigate pricing the steel sector, after a sharp fall in product prices to 1984 levels.

Alan Cox, chief executive, said prices had collapsed since December 1990 to uneconomic levels "even for the lowest cost continental producer and are not sustainable unless supported by state aid or subsidy".

He said: "The commission's job is to look hard and demand to know how losses can be financed."

ASW, which originated from the British government's Phoenix plan to regenerate the steel industry in the recession of the early Eighties, yesterday blamed its first fall in earnings on the European situation.

About 35 per cent of total sales of £206 million came from Europe, compared with just 12 per cent 3 years ago.

In the six months to end-June, profits fell from £21.1 million before tax to £8.1 million and earnings from 16.1p to 6.4p. The interim dividend is maintained at 4.5p.

Analysts expected bad news from the company, which publicised the difficulties it faced in Europe this year, but were surprised at the extent of the price cutting. In May, the City forecast profits of about £25 million for the year, but now analysts expect profits of £14 million.

The price war has intensified competition in an industry that was already faced with substantial surplus capacity and faced an onslaught of cheap imports from outside Europe.

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IPE closes up to front runners

By GEORGE SIVELL

THE International Petroleum Exchange has formally declared it is investigating allegations that traders make extra profits for themselves by dealing on their own accounts before executing client orders.

Peter Wildblood, the IPE chief executive, said: "Constant vigilance is part of our remit and we follow up anything that sounds suspicious, no matter what source the information comes from."

His statement follows accusations by the BBC's *Business Breakfast* programme yesterday from an anonymous source, who had, according to the IPE, refused to participate in an enquiry before the broadcast went ahead. The complaint was of front running, in which brokers allegedly deal on their own account before executing a large order from a client, such as a multinational oil company, which the broker can be sure will move the market substantially.

Front running is a risk for financial and commodity markets, and a nightmare for futures markets regulators. To keep it in check, the IPE films and records its member brokers at work and also keeps an audit of the timing of the placing and execution of orders, supposedly making front running much more difficult, and acting as a deterrent to market operators.

The IPE regulatory net has, in the past few months, ensnared half a dozen dealers, who committed "modest abuses", according to the IPE. None of the dealers was dismissed, but each received a "substantial" fine.

Regulation of the International Petroleum Exchange was the responsibility of the Association of Futures Brokers and Dealers until April 1, when the AFBD merged with The Securities Association to become the Securities and Futures Authority.

Regulating futures and spot markets is especially difficult in times of emergency, when dealers are scrambling for precious commodities. During the invasion of Kuwait by Iraq in August last year and the abortive coup in the Soviet Union, oil prices were volatile.

In particular, the fast finish to the Soviet coup appeared to surprise many dealers. On Red Monday, when President Gorbachev was temporarily deposed, North Sea Brent rose $2 to $22.20 a barrel, but as the coup came to its sudden end, Brent prices fell and ended the week at $19.79.

Oil market observers at *Energy Compass* wrote last week: "As the coup attempt began to unravel on Wednesday, prices whiplashed over $1 a barrel with Brent closing $1.15 down on the day. The result was a lot of financial blood on the floors of the futures exchanges."

In the words of one oil trader representing a national oil corporation, "some producers made money by treating the entire historical chapter as a sell opportunity. Everybody else somehow got caught on the wrong foot".

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Indonesian bank may buy BCCI subsidiary

FROM LULU YU IN HONG KONG

THE collapsed Bank of Credit and Commerce International's Hong Kong subsidiary (BCCHK) may be bought by the Hong Kong Chinese Bank (HKCB), an offshoot of the Indonesian Lippo group.

Noel Gleeson, the registrar-general, who is BCCHK's provisional liquidator, said he had signed an agreement to negotiate exclusively with HKCB for eight weeks.

The Lippo group, listed as Lippo Bank on the Jakarta stock exchange, is one of the largest companies in Indonesia, with banks and finance companies in Hong Kong, California and Singapore.

It is controlled by Mochtar Riady, a Chinese Indonesian. Liem Sioe Liong, another ethnic Chinese, holds a strategic minority stake.

Lippo Bank is the largest bank group in Indonesia in terms of core deposits, equity and net profits. It bought a controlling stake in HKCB when the majority owner, the Overseas Trust Bank in Hong Kong, collapsed in the Eighties.

Mr Gleeson said a deal with HKCB would require a satisfactory review of BCCHK by HKCB, approval by the Banking Commissioner and the High Court, HKCB's agreement with large depositors and a guarantor for any unrecorded BCCHK liabilities. Mr Gleeson said BCCHK and the associate BCCI Finance International would be bought by a new banking company owned not less than 51 per cent by HKCB under a plan approved by the High Court.

He added that if the deal failed, BCCHK would go into liquidation as planned.

BCCHK is a medium-sized bank in Hong Kong with 47,000 depositors. It specialises in trade financing, and has deposits totalling HK$11 billion (£845 million).

At the end of last year, BCCHK had a share capital of HK$749 million, HK$480 million of which were funds from shareholders. Total assets stood at HK$1.39 billion.

Regal talks on capital restructure

REGAL Hotel Group shares rose from 3p to 5½p on the news that it is in talks with its bankers about a possible capital reconstruction.

The announcement is being seen as a sign that Regal's bankers are prepared to swap debt for equity, rather than put it into receivership.

The company still has to produce figures for last year. They are expected to show a significant loss. The company came to the market in November 1989, at 158p a share.

Kingston rises

Kingston Oil & Gas is lifting the interim dividend by 79 per to 1p (0.56p) after increasing taxable profits from £397,285 to £761,335 in the six months to the end of June. Earnings were 4.48p (3.46p). Professor Sir Roland Smith is retiring as chairman and will be succeeded by Ray Chambers.

Currency move

The Bank of Portugal has abolished its system of fixing foreign exchange rates daily against the escudo. The bank will announce an indicative rate after informal talks.

Director resigns

Terence Smith, the finance director of Yorkshire Chemicals, has resigned after a series of policy disagreements with the other directors of the company.

Cadbury joins Guinness



Mixed drinks: Dominic Cadbury, chief executive of Cadbury Schweppes, has been appointed non-executive director of Guinness, the drinks group. Cadbury's venture with Coca-Cola speaks for about a quarter of the UK soft drinks market.

Peter Black slides 29.6%

By PHILIP PANGALOS

PETER Black Holdings, the supplier of toiletries, cosmetics, vitamins and dietary supplements, confirms that life is still difficult for those exposed to consumer spending.

The group, which gains 60 per cent of its business from Marks and Spencer, unveiled a 29.6 per cent decline in pre-tax profits to £7.24 million (£10.3 million) in the year to June 1, along with substantial extraordinary charges.

Gordon Black, joint chairman, blamed the decline on adverse trading conditions and changes in the business. He said: "The recession began to bite in the second quarter, and we see no sign of the anticipated upturn. The return of improved consumer confidence has not arrived yet."

The group's decision to withdraw from its loss-making home furnishings operations and to close the troubled slippers business resulted in a £7.5 million extraordinary loss. "It's been quite a challenging year for us, but we've taken a lot of action to ensure that the fundamentals of our refocused business remains strong," said Mr Black. "Some pruning of the tree was essential."

Group turnover, affected by discontinued activities, fell to £126 million (£142.8 million). Turnover from existing activites decreased by about 5 per cent in real terms.

Personal care, which accounts for about £40 million of turnover, was a bright spot. Mr Black said the fast growing market is "not recession proof, but recession resistant".

Earnings per share slipped to 9.16p (13.35p), although the dividend is maintained at 2.07p, making an unchanged total of 2.84p for the year. Gearing was reduced from 52 per cent to 39 per cent.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Lilley wins orders totalling £36.3m

LILLEY Group has bucked the trend in the depressed construction sector by announcing orders worth £36.3 million, which were won during July and last month. The shares rose 1½p to 47p on the news. The most important deal was an £8.6 million contract won by Lilley Scotland on the BP Kinneil terminal expansion project. Eden Construction won contracts worth £13.3 million, two of which were for road maintenance and reconstruction on the A1 (M) and the M6.

Lilley Midlands also won a £2 million A1 road maintenance contract as part of the £5.6 million of work that it secured during the two-month period. The announcement comes a month after the news that two Spanish civil engineering groups are to take a 21.5 per cent stake in the company. Last year, Lilley's pre-tax profits fell from £19.1 million to £14.1 million.

Pittencrieff rises 220%

STRONG growth in the energy and communications divisions of Pittencrieff have contributed to a 220 per cent increase in first half pre-tax profits to £1.55 million at the Edinburgh based company. Pittencrieff, which has almost all its interests in America, reported oil and gas production up 220 per cent this year. The interim dividend is 2.5p, up from 2p.

Murray asset value slips

MURRAY Income Trust's net asset value was 254.5p a share at June 30, down from 267.3p a year earlier. Net revenue was £8.63 million (£8.73 million). A final dividend of 3.60p (3.36p), makes 9.9p (9p). Earnings fell to 10.37p a share (10.5p) or to 10.26p (10.38p), assuming full conversion of the B ordinary shares. B holders will receive a scrip issue.

Northumbrian buys

NORTHUMBRIAN Water Group is buying James Duncan Holdings for £3.6 million in shares and cash. JDH, based in Glasgow, operates in Scotland and the Northeast of England. Its activities range from sewer cleaning to specialist plumbing. Turnover in the year to end-March was £3.86 million, derived from 2,500 customers in industry, central and local government.

Michael Guerin, managing director of Northumbrian's enterprise activities, said the buy demonstrated the group's commitment to develop its presence in Scotland, where substantial market potential existed for water-related services.

Unidare gains to Ir£2.35m

AN exceptional Ir£500,000 (£457,000) profit from the sale of surplus land helped Unidare, the Dublin-based cables and electrical products group, lift its pre-tax profits to Ir£2.35 million (Ir£2.31 million) in the half year to end-June. Sales, affected by discontinued activities, slipped to Ir£49.6 million (Ir£50.5 million). The interim dividend is raised to 4.1p (3.9p).

British buy into NZ wines

GRAND Metropolitan and Allied-Lyons, the British drinks companies, have each paid NZ$30.5 million (£10.6 million) for a 25 per cent stake in New Zealand Wines & Sprits (NZWS), which is owned by Lion Nathan, one of Australasia's largest brewers. Lion Nathan will retain 50 per cent and will continue to manage NZWS as a joint venture for the three partners.

Hoskyns falls 46%

HOSKINS Brewery, the East Midlands company that is quoted on the USM, suffered a 46 per cent decline in pre-tax profits to £57,000 (£104,000) in the year to end-March. Turnover slipped to £2.08 million (£2.15 million) and earnings per share fell to 1.23p (1.78p).

There was an extraordinary loss of £238,000 related to a provision for closing coffee shops, the loss on the sale of a lease and the cost of listing the shares on the USM. There is again no dividend. The shares dipped 2p to 34p.

Pendragon slows to £2m

By JONATHAN PRYNN

PENDRAGON, the upmarket car dealer spun out of Williams Holdings in 1989, has made its first move into Europe with the acquisition of one of Germany's largest Jaguar dealers.

Frankfurt's Autohaus Kronberg franchise was purchased from Jaguar Cars' German subsidiary and Pendragon has also exchanged contracts on premises south of Frankfurt for development as another dealership. Total investment will be about £3 million.

Trevor Finn, the chief executive, said that the company planned more development in Europe, and hoped to add Japanese dealerships next year. Jaguar has a tiny share of its sectors of the German car market, giving scope for substantial growth in sales, Mr Finn said.

However, Pendragon warned that in the UK market no upturn in new car sales can be expected before the end of the year. A slump in gross profits from new car sales, to £2.5 million (£4.9 million), contributed to a 36 per cent fall in group pre-tax profits to £2 million for the six months to end-June. The period also saw a shift in emphasis from new to used vehicle sales. The interest bill was reduced from £1.3 million to £698,000 and the company finished the half year with nil net borrowings. The interim dividend is up by 11 per cent from 1.8p to 2p.

Headlam lines up buy

By PHILIP PANGALOS

SHARES in Headlam Group, the industrial footwear and fabrics group, climbed 4p to 62p after the company said it was in discussions that may lead to a "very substantial acquisition".

Informed sources suggest the target is a British textile-distribution company that is understood to have a turnover of about £85 million and net assets in the region of £14 million.

The target company is thought to be a subsidiary of a UK listed company. The purchase will almost certainly involve some kind of equity placement by Robert Fleming, the banker.

Ian Kirkham, a director at Headlam, could not yet give more details on the proposed deal, although a further announcement is understood to be imminent. Mr Kirkham said that the deal, if successful, would represent a "quantum leap" for Headlam.

UNLISTED SECURITIES



● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend c Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment k Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data.

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 90.8 (day's range 90.7-90.8).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mid Rates for Sept 2	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	3.3068-3.3189	3.3152-3.3189	⅝-½pr	1¼-1pr
Brussels	60.30-60.70	60.49-60.70	11-7pr	24-17pr
Copenhagen	11.3182-11.3636	11.3401-11.3636	1⅝-⅝pr	3⅝-2½pr
Dublin	1.0871-1.1005	1.0985-1.1005	13-7pr	29-15pr
Frankfurt	2.9359-2.9454	2.9430-2.9454	¾-½pr	1¾-1pr
Lisbon	250.79-252.39	251.40-252.39	42-78dis	196-290dis
Madrid	162.44-163.52	162.91-163.52	19-90dis	59-85dis
Milan	2189.12-2199.39	2194.71-2199.39	par-2dis	4-6dis
Montreal	1.9183-1.9254	1.9217-1.9254	0.42-0.36pr	0.77-0.69pr
New York	1.8820-1.8860	1.8850-1.8860	0.73-0.72pr	2.08-2.06pr
Oslo	11.4585-11.5103	11.4866-11.5103	1-¼pr	1⅞-1pr
Paris	9.9058-10.0068	9.9954-10.0068	1⅛-1⅛pr	3⅜-3pr
Stockholm	10.8432-10.8894	10.8765-10.8894	⅝-½pr	⅞-¾pr
Tokyo	229.93-230.73	230.25-230.56	½-¾pr	2¼-1¾pr
Vienna	20.6449-20.7266	20.6969-20.7260	3⅝-2¾pr	7¾-6¼pr
Zurich	2.5693-2.5855	2.5823-2.5855	⅝-½pr	1⅞-1½pr

Source: Exbel — Premium = pr. Discount = dis.

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 11 Finance Hse 11

Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 11⅛ Low 11 Week fixed: 10⅞

Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 10⁵⁄₁₆; 3 mth 10⁵⁄₁₆. Sell: 2 mth 10⅜; 3 mth: 10 .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	10⅝-10⅝	10⅝-10⅝	10⅝-10⅝	9⅝-9⅝	
Sterling Money Rates:	11⅛-10⅝	10⅝-10⅝	10⅝-10⅝	10⅝-10⅝	10⅝-10⅝
Interbank:	11⅛-11	10⅝-10⅝	10⅝-10⅝	10⅝-10⅝	10⅝-10⅝

(Overnight: open 11 , close 11⅛.

Local Authority Depo:	11⅛	n/a	10⅛	10⅝	10⅝
Sterling CDs:	10⅜-10⅝	10⅜-10⅝	10⅛-10⅜	10⅛-10⅜	10⅛-10⅜
Dollar CDs:	5.65-5.60	5.63-5.58	5.63-5.58	5.75-5.70	5.92-5.87
Building Society CDs:	11-10⅜	10⅝-10⅜	10⅜-10⅜	10⅜-10⅜	10⅜-10⅜

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	5⅝-5¼	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅝-5⅛	5⅝-4¼
Deutschemark:	9-8¾	9⅛-8⅝	8⅞-8⅜	8⅞-8⅜	8⅞-7½
French Franc:	9¾-9⅜	9¾-9⅜	9⅞-9⅝	9¾-9⅜	9¼-8¾
Swiss Franc:	8¼-7⅜	8¼-8	8⅛-7⅝	8-7⅞	8-7
Yen:	7⅝-7¼	7⅝-7⅛	7⅝-7⅜	7⅛-6⅝	7¼-6¼

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Mallal & Co)

Bullion: Open $347.20-347.70 Close: $347.75-348.25 High: $347.80-348.30 Low: $347.00-347.50 Krugerrand: $347.50-348.50 (£206.00-207.00)

Sovereigns: Old $81.75-82.75 (£48.00-48.00) New $81.50-82.50 (£48.00-48.00)

Platinum: $389.10 (£201.36) Silver: $3.83 (£2.295) Palladium: $81.25 (£48.25)

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	16784.2-16791.0
Australia dollar	2.1468-2.1501
Bahrain dinar	0.6905-0.6965
Brazil cruzeiro *	664.42-665.33
Cyprus pound	0.80-0.81
Finland markka	7.1075-7.1675
Greece drachma	322.65-325.85
Hong Kong dollar	16.0668-16.0763
India rupee	43.25-43.86
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4685-0.4845
Malaysia ringgit	4.8890-4.8936
Mexico peso	5090-5190
New Zealand dollar	2.8312-2.9381
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.9725-6.9925
Singapore dollar	2.6041-2.6078
S Africa rand (fin)	5.3958-5.4070
S Africa rand (com)	4.8892-4.8472
U A E dirham	6.14-6.22

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DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.2748-1.2758
Austria	12.28-12.30
Belgium (Com)	35.90-35.94
Canada	1.1413-1.1418
Denmark	6.7340-6.7380
France	5.9230-5.9280
Germany	1.7480-1.7470
Hong Kong	7.7805-7.7816
Ireland	1.5310-1.5325
Italy	1301.5-1302.5
Japan	135.75-136.85
Malaysia	2.7845-2.7855
Netherlands	1.9857-1.9867
Norway	6.8200-6.8250
Portugal	149.40-149.70
Singapore	1.7186-1.7196
Spain	108.63-108.73
Sweden	6.3375-6.3425
Switzerland	1.5302-1.5312

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: July 31, 1991 Agreed rates Aug 26, 1991 to Sept 24, 1991 Scheme I: 12.31%. Schemes II & III: 12.38%. Reference rate June 29, 1991 to July 31, 1991 Scheme IV & V: 11.198%.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100 (Previous open interest: 39937)	Sep 91	2695.0	2706.0	2694.0	2703.0	4090
	Dec 91	2733.5	2752.0	2733.0	2749.5	450
	Mar 92				2768.0	0
Three Month Sterling (Previous open interest: 140934)	Sep 91	89.35	89.37	89.33	89.36	3086
	Dec 91	89.09	89.12	89.08	89.12	6668
	Mar 92	90.06	90.09	90.05	90.08	1383
Three Month Eurodollar (Previous open interest: 402239)	Sep 91	94.28	94.30	94.27	94.29	1605
	Dec 91	93.98	94.00	93.96	93.99	800
Three Month Euro Dm (Previous open interest: 130668)	Sep 91	90.71	90.76	90.71	90.74	4801
	Dec 91	90.68	90.73	90.67	90.72	3561
US Treasury Bond (Previous open interest: 3762)	Sep 91	98-04	98-04	98-02	98-03	17
	Dec 91	97-12	97-12	97-09	97-09	116
Long Gilt (Previous open interest: 85568)	Sep 91	93-30	94-11	93-30	94-11	2428
	Dec 91	94-04	94-22	94-04	94-18	12144
Japanese Govt Bond	Sep 91				97.62	0
	Dec 91	98.29	98.29	98.26	98.29	366
German Govt Bond (Previous open interest: 80089)	Sep 91	94.68	95.17	94.62	95.15	16916
	Dec 91	95.05	95.40	95.05	95.37	11788
Three month ECU (Previous open interest: 5483)	Sep 91	89.17	89.19	89.16	89.18	31
	Dec 91	89.28	89.30	89.25	89.29	151

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COMMODITIES

LONDON FOX

COCOA		COFFEE		SUGAR (FOB) G Crambidae	
Sep	953-961	Sep	520-515	Oct	189.5-189.4
Dec	704-703	Nov	548-546	Dec	190.4-81.5
Mar	743-742	Jan	570-569	Mar	185.4-84.5
May	782-781	Mar	587-586	May	187.5-84.5
Jul	795-797	May	unq	Aug	193.5-92.5
Sep	802-801	Jul	unq	Oct	200.0-76.0
Dec	825-823	Sep	unq	Vol:	291
Vol:	2587	Vol:	5245		

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT Close (£/t)		BARLEY Close (£/t)		HI-PRO SOYA Close (£/t)	
Sep	112.90	Sep	110.40	Oct	136.30
Nov	116.40	Nov	113.50	Dec	140.50
Jan	119.75	Jan	117.15	Feb	144.80
Mar	123.40	Mar	119.60	Apr	145.80
May	126.20	May	121.30	Jun	140.50
Vol:	117	Vol:	20	Vol:	54

LONDON POTATO FUTURES

Volume: 299

	Open:	Close:
Mar (£/tonne)	unq	128.0
Apr	121.0	122.5
May	unq	135.0

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on September 2

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	66.75	119.84	100.58
(+/-)	-0.07	-3.58	-0.25
England/Wales:	66.84	120.86	100.89
(+/-)	+0.16	-4.43	-0.04
(%)	+37.5	-2.8	-4.7
Scotland:	72.05	115.34	100.25
(+/-)	-0.86	-3.88	+0.48
(%)	-57.3	-44.9	-42.5

* Estimated dead carcase weight

LONDON MEAT FUTURES

Live Pig (£/kg)

Sep	
Open:	89.0
Close:	89.0
Oct	
Open:	unq
Close:	97.0
Nov	
Open:	103.0
Close:	103.0
Volume:	29

(Official) (Volume prev day)

Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	
Lead (£/tonne)	
Zinc Spec Hi Gde (£/tonne)	
Tin (£/tonne)	
Aluminium Hi Gde (£/tonne)	
Nickel (£/tonne):	

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

Cash:	1356.0-1356.5
3mths:	1368.0-1368.5
	315.00-316.00
	326.00-328.50
	1022.0-1022.5
	1040.5-1041.5
	5660-5660
	5665-5660
	1256.0-1257.0
	1287.0-1288.0
	7900.0-7905.0
	7930.0-7935.0

Rudolf Wolff Vol: 537650 18125 155050 2276 226575 24822

FOX MGMI INDEX (5pm prices)

	Bid	Offer
Sep	137.90	138.60
Dec	139.00	139.50
Mar	139.40	140.30
	Vol:	390

LONDON OIL REPORTS (ICIS-LOR) - London 6.00pm: With the US on holiday, a very thin market struggled to notch up a few cents.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	20.85	+0.10
Brent 15 day (Sep)	20.85	+0.15
Brent 15 day (Oct)	20.60	+0.15
W Texas Intermediate (Oct)	n/a	n/a
W Texas Intermediate (Nov)	n/a	n/a

PRODUCTS (Reg/Isall $/BIT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid:	Offer:
Premium Gas .15	242 (n/c)	245 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	196 (n/c)	197 (n/c)
Non EEC 1H Sep	197 (+1)	198 (+1)
Non EEC 1H Oct	202 (n/c)	203 (n/c)
3.5 Fuel Oil	72 (n/c)	73 (n/c)
Naphtha	210 (n/c)	213 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES

GAS OIL

Sep	198.75 SLR	Jan	200.00 SLR
Oct	200.50 SLR	Feb	unq
Nov	202.50-01.75	Mar	185.75 BID
Dec	202.50 SLR	Vol:	4281

BRENT

Sep	20.65-20.75	Nov	20.50-20.60
Oct	20.60-20.65	Vol:	n/a

BIFFEX

GNI Freight Futures Dry Cargo ($10/pt)

	High:	Low:	Close:
Sep 91	unq	unq	1838
Oct 91	1725	1710	1724
Jan 92	unq	unq	1721
Apr 92	unq	unq	1718

Vol: 15 lots Open interest: 2961

Dry cargo index 1548 +3

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A vintage year for regulators

COMMENT

This year has yielded a vintage crop of financial scandals. London has had BCCI, New York the Salomon saga and Tokyo a host of banking and market mayhem. Continental Europe has been *no exception*, but there the scandals have been tinged with more than a hint of black comedy.

In Germany, it was insider dealing, conducted live on national television. In Italy, shares worth almost £40 million went missing, and noone seems quite sure how.

In Frankfurt, a group of at least 25 equity dealers, including traders at Deutsche Bank, the pillar of Germany's financial establishment, used inside information to trade shares on their own accounts. This is not particularly unusual. Insider dealing — there exists no German word for it — is not a criminal offence but merely a breach of the rules of good conduct. To add insult to injury, the traders used the daily, lunchtime stock market programme on national television to announce their latest tips.

The Italian scandal, which broke last week, is much more obscure, involving a confusing *number of companies, intermediaries* and transactions. At the centre of the affair stands Banque Dumenil Leble (Suisse), a Swiss bank owned by Carlo de Benedetti, the Italian financier. Dumenil Leble announced, less than two weeks ago, that it had been defrauded of Lir85 billion of stocks, which it held on behalf of four Italian finance houses. The stocks were held as a collateral for loans and were due to be returned after repayment. They disappeared, however, and three of the finance houses went under.

How the stock disappeared, is not known. Allegations and counter-allegations abound. Signor Benedetti let it be known that it was a complex conspiracy, involving numerous players who deliberately set out to defraud Dumenil Leble. Misafin, one of the three Italian commission houses that declared itself insolvent, has asked for Lir20 billion worth of Dumenil Leble's assets sequestrated. On Wednesday, an Italian court will rule on Misafin's request.

Already, the scandal has led to a delay in settlement of the August trading account. The affair is a significant setback for Milan because the bourse has attempted recently to clean up its tarnished image. In January next year, the Italians are even planning to introduce their own version of London's Big Bang in order to gain international respectibility.

In Germany, the future of market regulation remains uncertain. Insider dealing will not become a criminal offence until the middle of next year, the latest possible time under an EC directive set to harmonise market practice.

The bizarre incidents in Milan and Frankfurt represent yet another in a series of setbacks in a quest to become Europe's leading financial centres, which both still feel they deserve. European harmonisation, at least in the securities industry, remains some way off.

Gatt round

The economic woes of the *former* Soviet Union, as it is now called in inter-republican jargon, has naturally been given high priority by John Major in his capacity as current chairman of the Group of Seven. It looks certain to remain the centre of his attention for the remainder of his chairmanship. The prime minister would, however, do the world economy, and thereby Britain, a great service, by sparing more than a moment for the stalled Uruguay Round talks on trade liberalisation. These ambitious negotiations, aimed at freer world trade in manufactured goods, agricultural produce and services, must be kept in the spotlight. Indeed, they must be re-marked urgent and put back on the current agenda.

The G7 leaders must be held to the commitment they made in the economic communiqué of the London summit in July to secure a successful conclusion to the round by the end of 1991, a year after the original deadline. In their own words: *no issue has more far-reaching implications for the future prospects of the world economy.* Nothing has changed this summer that should alter that, nor has a successful world trade agreement become less important for fostering the integration of the fragmented parts of the Soviet empire into the global economy.

The break-up of the Soviet Union provides no grounds for delaying the Uruguay Round, as Moscow only had observer status. Separate observers from breakaway republics could easily be accommodated. Access to western markets will be crucial to breathing economic life into the collapsed command economies. Mr Major knows this. The question is whether he, or anyone else for that matter, can muster enough support within the European Community to end the Transatlantic stalemate over trade in farm goods.

With the trade negotiators due to reassemble in Geneva in mid-month, the latest indications from the Dutch, current holders of the rotating Community presidency, are unpromising. Yvonne van Rooy, in charge of trade policy in The Hague, has confessed publicly that she sees only a limited chance of the talks succeeding this autumn. Given that the Community will bear much of the burden of the massive adjustment and re-moulding of the economies of Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union, we must hope that Dutch fears prove unwarranted.

Merlin breaks the spell of gloom for Westland

Michael Evans assesses what the Royal Navy EH101 deal will mean to Yeovil's helicopter firm



Rising fortunes: Alan Jones has piloted Westland Group through two stormy years

THE shadow hanging over Westland Group, the helicopter company that was a reluctant player in the political controversy which led to the resignation of two cabinet ministers and shook the government of Margaret Thatcher five years ago, has at last been lifted. The announcement of a *£1.5 billion defence ministry* contract to buy 44 EH101 Merlin helicopters for the Royal Navy opens up huge potential for exports.

All too often in recent years the Yeovil firm's fortunes seemed to depend on winning a vital contract. Like Vickers Defence Systems, the Leeds firm that needed to win the Challenger 2 tank contract to safeguard jobs, Westland's long-term future lay with the EH101.

Yet only a few months ago, senior officials in the defence ministry were considering dropping plans to buy up to 50 of the naval version, the Merlin, to replace the ageing Sea King. Neither alternative — updating the Sea King, or buying the American SH60B Seahawk LAMPS 3 — was greeted with much enthusiasm at the ministry, but the rising cost of Merlin had become an increasingly important factor. Could the ministry, with an over-pressured budget, afford such a helicopter?

The eventual conclusion was that the government could not afford *not* to order Merlin. The flight trials of the Merlin demonstrated its capability. Moreover, the export potential was so huge, perhaps worth £10 billion, that it made no sense to repeat the Nimrod decision of 1986 when the government scrapped the British-designed airborne early warning aircraft and bought American Awacs aircraft.

The Merlin decision is not part of another rescue package for Westland. Under the tutelage of Sir Peter Levene, the ministry's chief of defence procurement for six years until last April, British companies quickly realised that to survive they had to become as competitive as their American and European rivals. Westland is no exception: it won the EH101 contract against fierce competition.

> In the end, the government could not afford *not* to order Merlin

Westland began building aircraft in 1915 and switched to rotary wing in 1937. With the EH101, the company has broken new ground. In partnership with Agusta, the Italian firm, civil, naval and military transport versions have been developed. Provided there were buyers for all three variants, the EH101 had the potential to become one of Britain's most successful collaborative defence projects.

In spite of being rescued from bankruptcy five years ago by Sikorsky, the American helicopter maker which took a minority stake in the company, Westland has faced a difficult time. Apart from the lack of orders, the EH101, had technical problems and the promised 1992-3 in-service date, began to slip alarmingly.

Westland, needing orders to *keep production lines going*, looked to sell more of the successful Lynx helicopter and the Sikorsky Black Hawk which it was building under licence as part of the 1986 rescue package was agreed.

Michael Heseltine, who resigned as defence secretary after a row in cabinet over whether Westland should be rescued by Sikorsky or a British-led European consortium, predicted there would be no orders for Black Hawk. He was proved right. Westland is hopeful of winning an order for 88 Black Hawks as part of the huge Saudi Arabian Al Yamamah defence contract.

The delay in the Merlin programme, caused partly by the ministry's decision to seek a prime contractor to integrate the helicopter's sonar and weapons systems, will mean Westland still faces a difficult 18 months.

However, since Alan Jones took over as chief executive two years ago the company has diversified and 40 per cent of the turnover now comes from civil business. Costs have also been cut by up to 50 per cent and 1,500 employees have been made redundant.

Westland, the ony truly commercial helicopter maker in Europe, is now in a strong position. All its rivals are state-funded and if, as seems likely, governments begin to cut subsidies to defence industries, they may all face the sort of financial difficulties Westland has suffered.

Persimmon builds up market for first-time buyers

TEMPUS

SHAREHOLDERS who took up Persimmon's £33 million *rights issue in March have seen* the value of their new shares rise by more than 19 per cent, demonstrating, once again, the high esteem in which Duncan Davidson and his team at the housebuilder, which is based in York, are held.

This time last year, Tempus recommended buying the shares, which stood then at 163p. They closed yesterday at 284p, 74 per cent up on the year, thanks to the stock market banking on Persimmon being one of the main beneficiaries from the recovery that must come one day.

That faith looks well founded, given that the impact of the worst housing market for decades has only been a 19 per cent fall in pre-tax profits to £12.5 million for the six months to end-June. The forthcoming results season should confirm the quality of the result.

Persimmon's successful strategy has been to increase the number of low-priced units it sells to first-time buyers. From the 30 per cent of a few years ago, first-time buyers now account for 50 per cent of sales, and that percentage is likely to grow over the coming months. The result is that the average sales price has fallen 11 per cent to a pretty affordable £62,151.

A 13 per cent increase in the number of units sold to 1,102 has actually enabled group turnover to increase marginally to £68.5 million. But not even Persimmon can defy the downward drag on margins, particularly the continuing cost of sales incentives. However, the decline from 22.9 per cent to 18.2 per cent still leaves them at a level many competitors would envy.

The company's balance sheet, which historically has never been strained, currently has no debt, even after a further 2,000 plots have been added to its 11,800 unit land bank.

Any recovery is likely to come too late to save this year's results, when profits are likely to fall to about £24 million. That leaves the shares, at 284p, on a price-earnings multiple of about 15, which given the depressed nature of the earnings looks reasonable. Buy.

ASW

ASW's strategy since flotation in 1988 has been to diversify into Europe, reducing its exposure to the peaks and troughs of British industry. After all, ASW was a child of the domestic recession of the early 1980s, borne from the government's Phoenix plan to revitalise the steel sector.

But Europe is not proving to *be the fertile ground envisaged* by Alan Cox, chief executive. Almost three years of heady growth are quickly becoming history.

Since the end of last year, product prices have slumped and profit margins have been cut by 7-12 per cent. In some cases prices are now back to where they were in late 1984.

This may make long-term sense to integrated players with backers of substance but not for ASW. In the six months to end-June the company, one of the most efficient operators in Europe, saw pre-tax profits fall from £21.1 million to £8.1 million and earnings from 16.1p a share to 6.4p. The dividend is held at 4.5p.

It is a tribute of sorts that ASW can claim it has suffered little from the UK recession. But until Europe can get its house in order the outlook is difficult to predict. Assuming earnings of 11.1p for the year, against 31.1p, the shares, up 2p to 228p, appear to be banking on an early recovery, which may not be forthcoming. They look too high.

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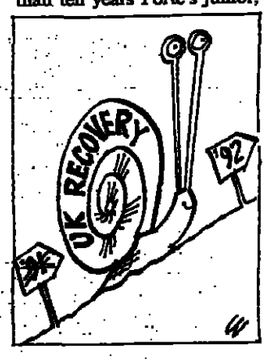
Ties with the past

THE Stock Exchange Council may be in the process of being disbanded after 300 years, but it refuses to die. Its erstwhile members admit, nevertheless, that they are an endangered species. They even lightheartedly acknowledge an accusation made by Peter Rawlins, the chief executive, that they were as good as extinct — he referred to them as "dinosaurs". Now, the 30 men who have served on the council during this, its final year, have formed the Dinosaur Club. "To be a member you have to have been an elected or lay member of the council, and to have served on the council during 1991," says Stephen Raven, a director of Garban, the inter-dealer broker. "We intend to be a dining club and, with the chairman's *permission*, to meet at regular intervals in the council dining room on the 23rd floor of the exchange tower, probably the last Friday of each month."

The club already has its own silk tie, in red or blue, with six types of dinosaur woven into the cloth. "It's very tastefully done, rather like a Hermes design," says sartorially conscious John Woolfenden, group compliance officer at UBS Phillips & Drew.

Elevated position

WHILE Lord Forte prides himself on climbing stairs instead of taking lifts, Lord Hanson, who, at 69, is more than ten years Forte's junior, makes no such pretence. After enjoying his champagne nightcap at the £400-a-night Hotel du Cap in Cap D'Antibe, South of France, on Friday night, he bade goodnight to his companions. A few minutes later, however, he reappeared. The hotel lift, once used by the likes of F Scott Fitzgerald and Noel Coward, had broken down. But Hanson, a regular at the luxurious hotel, and renowned for his persuasive powers, talked the night porter into giving him a ride in the service lift. Lesser mortals were left to tackle the ornate *marble and gilt staircase.*



Twin celebration

A TWINNING ceremony at London's Guildhall between the City of London Junior Chamber of Commerce and its counterpart organisation from Tallin, Estonia, turned into a bigger celebration than its organisers had anticipated. Richard Burton, aged 30, who works in the trading markets department at the Stock Exchange, said: "It took place on the same day as the signing of Estonia's declaration of independence. They were over the moon when they heard and we got through much more champagne than we had anticipated."

Flying the flag

WHAT more British an occasion is there than the traditional, end of season, open air concert at Kenwood House on London's Hampstead Heath — the North London equivalent of the last night of the Proms. On Saturday evening, the final Kenwood concert was made all the more patriotic by an enthusiastically received rendition of Pomp and Circumstance, aided by free plastic Union Jack flags waved frantically by the audience. But alas, it was all an illusion, for on the other side of the flags was an advertisement from the evening's sponsor, that well known *British* company... Honda.

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STOCK MARKET

Talk of bid boosts Allied-Lyons

CITY speculators have been working overtime, generating stories about a possible bid for Allied-Lyons, the food and drinks group, that sent its share price soaring 21p to a new peak of 617p.

Allied-Lyons is no stranger to bid speculation and, in 1986, was on the receiving end of an unwanted approach from Elders IXL, the Australian brewer. Yesterday, the talk centred on a possible American stakebuilding operation by either Philip Morris, the food and tobacco group, or Anheuser Busch, the world's largest brewer.

There was nothing on dealers' trading screens to suggest that the stories were true, with only 3.2 million shares changing hands by the close of business. Market-makers say the shares are being propelled higher by the stories because of stock shortages.

The remainder of the drinks sector drew encouragement from Allied. Bass rose 10p to 999p, Grand Metropolitan 11p to 840p, Scottish & Newcastle 5p to 415p, Whitbread A 5p to 500p and Guinness 28p to £10.28.

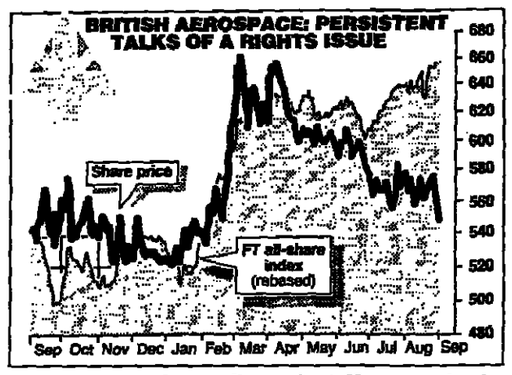
The market started the new account on a strong note with share prices extending their record-breaking run to close at another all-time high. Further evidence from the Confederation of British Industry that the economy was pulling out of recession, the Conservatives' showing in the opinion polls and stock shortages combined to drive prices higher.

Much of the rise was futures-led, with the FT-SE 100 index closing 33.9 up at a new peak of 2,679.6. Turnover proved sparse, with only 368 million shares traded. Fund managers are becoming worried that the market is running ahead of events.

The change of fortune for the Conservatives also cheered government securities and raised hopes of another cut in bank base rates. Prices at the longer end rose £½.

Among blue chips there were gains for BOC Group 18p to 622p, Courtaulds 12p to 497p, Rank Organisation 10p to 729p, Thorn EMI 11p to 815p, and BAA Group 10p to 441p.

Shares in British Aerospace continued to edge lower, with a fall of 8p to 547p – a loss of



26p in the past week – as talk persisted that the group may soon be asking shareholders for more money. The speculators say BAe might decide to launch a £400 million-plus rights issue on the basis of one-for-three, coinciding with next week's interim figures.

Gearing is expected to climb to about 50 per cent by the year-end with all areas of the business feeling the effects of the recession. Analysts say it is unlikely that Rover will make a worthwhile contribution and the civil aircraft side is still finding the going difficult. Cuts in government spending also mean the group may have to consider diversifying. There has been talk in the past that it might consider bidding for Trafalgar House, the construction to property and shipping group, unchanged at 253p. BAe already has a construction business in The Netherlands and operates its own property operation via Arlington Securities.

Rolls-Royce enjoyed an overdue rally, closing 3p higher at 140p, amid vague talk of a bid from BMW, the German motor group, which has 1 per cent of the shares.

Westland jumped 14p to 135p and the warrants 8p to 55p on learning of a £1.5 billion defence ministry helicopter contract. Westland and IBM, its partner, have been asked to supply 44 Merlin helicopters to the Royal Navy. Canada is also expected to place orders for up to 50 Merlins and projected sales have been estimated at more than 700.

Vosper, the shipbuilder, jumped 15p to 277p after it said it was on the verge of clinching an order for two warships from Oman.

MICHAEL CLARK

Expect news later today of a big placing in Hartstone, the handbag and hosiery group, which launched a £45 million rights issue in May. Warburg Securities, the stockbroker, is placing 1.5 million shares with institutions, including several that have never held shares in the group. A month ago, Hartstone was trading at about 205p and closed last night 5p better 243p.

BUSINESS LETTERS

Freedom for booksellers will widen market

From the chairman of Pentos

Sir, Sir Simon Hornby's view (August 29) of the UK book market is complacent, elitist and worst of all, plain wrong.

He states in a self-satisfied way that consumer book prices increased "only" at the same rate as inflation in the 1980s – a claim Dillons' own analysis does not support, but even if true, it is a curious boast for a decade that has seen a revolution in printing technology.

He approvingly quotes a British Market Research Bureau survey, showing that bookbuyers consider hardbacks and paperbacks good value for money. But few British bookbuyers are in a position to know how bad a deal they are getting in New York they would be able to buy an identical title for as little as half the price.

Sir Simon places himself firmly in the camp of the book trade's elitists and pessimists. They observe that 27 per cent of the adult population buy roughly 80 per cent of all books sold and conclude that nothing whatsoever can be done about it, except perhaps to wait on the gradual forces of demographic change. In the light of this gloomy attitude, City analysts may well ponder why WH Smith appear to regard bookselling as a continuing "core business".

Fortunately, Dillons has concrete evidence that Sir Simon is wrong. Freedom for booksellers to promote on price, which the inevitable withering away of the net book agreement will facilitate, will widen the market for books.

Dillons' own market research consistently shows that 40-50 per cent of all customers who enter our bookstores leave with a book they had not initially intended to purchase. Once we can attract more of the public to visit our large stores (which have quite deliberately been stocked with the widest possible choice of titles), book purchasing will rise across the range. The problem with the NBA is that is denies booksellers the freedom which every other retailer enjoys – to compete for the public's attention by offering attractive discounts.

In the limited experiments with discounting which Dillons has so far been able to mount – for example before a court injunction stopped our promotion of the Booker prize shortlist last October – both sales of the discounted titles as well as secondary purchases rose massively. There is a vast untapped market – among the 40 per cent of people with post-18 education who are not regular bookbuyers as amongst those with less formal education who still account for half of all book purchases.

Sir Simon trots out the usual defence of the NBA that it protects the small bookseller against the might of the chains. Surely a more relevant question for public policy is why the largest bookseller, WH Smith, with well over 25 per cent of the retail market, has been allowed to use its enormous muscle to bolster its retail margins, while the NBA prevents any of that benefit being passed on to the consumer in lower prices. And why is it that this dominant retailer props up the NBA when, free of arm-twisting pressures, many leading publishers would happily abandon it?

Yours faithfully,
TERRY MAHER,
Chairman,
Pentos,
1 New Bond Street, W1

TOKYO

Nikkei ends higher again

SHARES in Tokyo closed higher for the third successive day. In the afternoon, strong bond markets revived hopes of lower interest rates after the market spent most of the morning lower on profit-taking and arbitage unwinding.

The Nikkei index rose 133.14 points or 0.60 per cent to 22,469.01, with about 320 million shares traded.

● **Frankfurt** – German shares ended an uneventful session narrowly mixed as operators clung to the sidelines amid a shortage of new domestic and foreign factors. The Dax index fell 0.04 points to 1,650.46.

● **New York** – The American markets were closed for Labor Day. *(Reuter)*

Jardine aims to expand in UK

From LULU YU IN HONG KONG

JARDINE Matheson, Hong Kong's largest British group, plans to expand its vast business empire in the UK as it ponders whether to delist from the Crown colony's stock exchange.

The group, which has listings in London, Australia, Luxembourg and Singapore, hopes to float its insurance arm, Jardine Insurance Brokers, on the London Stock Exchange this year.

The move would boost JIB's capital base and increase its competitiveness in the UK, the largest insurance market in the world.

The insurance firm, the third-largest in the UK and the eighth largest in the world, has retail, wholesale and reinsurance broking business in 22 countries, including America, Hong Kong and Australia. Its pre-tax profits for 1990 rose 50 per cent to US$32.7 million.

John Barton, chief executive of the London company, said yesterday that although there was considerable pressure pushing down premiums, rates had been recovering in major markets and the UK operations had benefited from a rise in premiums in the marine and aviation sectors.

Neil McNamara, assistant group secretary of the Hong Kong-based parent firm, said JIB hoped to be listed by this year or early next.

He declined to comment further on the possible listing, or Jardine's acquisition of a primary listing in London.


Barton: rates recovering

The Jardine group, which has interests in property, trading, hotels, retail, shipping and financial services, has been negotiating with the Hong Kong stock exchange for a "trading-only listing".

Henry and Simon Keswick, the brothers who control the group from the UK, are expected in Hong Kong on Sunday for a board meeting to discuss the move. The group's six listed companies will announce their interim results from Thursday.

Hong Kong's stock exchange and Securities and Futures Commission are preparing a document for public consultation on the group's request for a trading-only, "exempt", listing.

Meanwhile, Hongkong Land, the group's property arm, is continuing to shed its non-core properties.

It has agreed to sell large amounts of retail and office space in three properties to Chinese Estates, a company controlled by the Lau brothers.

Hongkong Land has been stripping itself of its non-core properties, collecting rents only from its prime office buildings in the central business district.

The company has an investment portfolio of more than 5 million sq ft, and is one of Hong Kong's biggest landlords.

Difference of view

From Mr M. N. Pandya

Sir, I have sympathy with the depositors of BCCI who are claiming that Price Waterhouse negligently misstated and misrepresented the BCCI bank's financial position (August 22).

After the Caparo decision, it is clear that auditors are unlikely to have a duty of care to parties other than shareholders.

The investing public's understanding of statutory audited accounts and the reliance that can be placed on such accounts is very different from that of the courts.

A statement by the directors on the frong page of published accounts along the following lines could help clear this misunderstanding:

"These are historical audited accounts of the Company prepared for the shareholders as required by the Companies Act 1985 and should not be relied upon by third parties to make investment or lending desisions".

Yours faithfully,
M. N. PANDYA,
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Rayners Lane,
Harrow, Middlesex.

Co-operation from the friendly bank

From Mr A.R.E. Handley

Sir, I am the proprietor of a small construction company and, like most builders, have experienced difficulties due to the recession.

In the past few months, the media has directed a great deal of criticism toward the banks with regard to small businesses. This may be justified in many cases, but for me personally, I have nothing but praise for Barclays Bank, Paignton. They have supported me throughout my current contract and I have every confidence that they will continue to so.

It is unfortunate that other businesses cannot have such understanding bankers as myself.

Yours faithfully,
A.R.E. HANDLEY,
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4 Fisher Street,
Paignton,
Devon.

Advice to subscriber was no joke

From Mr Daniel Salem

Sir, I take strong exception to the piece on Business magazine in Jon Ashworth's "City Diary" (August 19).

In a feeble attempt to be funny, Mr Ashworth was too quick off the starting gate. Suggesting to Mr Andrew that he call the offices of Business was the right thing to do on the part of the Condé Nast employee, because we've deliberately kept an information desk open there to answer queries just like his.

Yours sincerely,
DANIEL SALEM,
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A matter of some wait

From Mr Geoffrey Peake

Sir, I read with interest (The Times, August 23) that "According to Post Office research, the average waiting time for service at a main Post Office has been reduced to 93 seconds, and 97 per cent of customers are served within five minutes".

I do not know where those who put together this particular piece of research are living, but, in this particular part of the world, I can wait five, ten, 15, 20 or more minutes to buy stamps or mail items (which is what I always – and naively – thought post offices were for) while everyone else renews their road fund licences, gets their passport applications processed and collects social security benefits.

Yours faithfully,
GEOFFREY PEAKE,
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Cheshire.

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Insider dealer jailed

THE first person convicted of insider trading in Australia was sentenced in Melbourne's County Court on Monday to three months jail.

Kian Lang Teh, a Malaysian national and a former accountant with the National Companies and Securities Commission (NCSC), pleaded guilty to 27 counts of insider trading between December 1988 and April 1989.

While working at the NCSC, now known as the Australian Securities Commission, Teh bought shares under his mother's name using information on takeover bids. His profit was Aus $10,372 after stamp duty and brokerage. *(Reuter)*

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
August 19	September 6	November 21	December 2

Call options were taken out on: 2/9/91 H Barrett, Betterware, Braithwaite, Brent Walker, Regal Hotels, Wheway Watson.
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Put & Call: Control Securities.

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Claremont Gmts (175p)	190 –1
Contra-Cyclical (100p)	108
County Smlr Inv	96
Culver Hldgs (4p)	5½
Drayton Blue Chip (100p)	99
EFM Inc Tst (95p)	67
East Germany Inv (100p)	120
Elsinbrook	68
Eurocamp (225p)	243
Fleming Emerg Mkt	99 +1½
Gartmore Inc (100p)	109
Gartmore Cap (100p)	97 +1
Geared Inc (100p)	100
Greencore	223 –10
Headline Book (100p)	129
Lowndes Lambert (240p)	321 –1
Manchester Utd (385p)	283 +4
Mirror Group (125p)	104 +1
Moorgate Smlr Cos (100p)	108
Onyx Gold	137 +2
Simpson of Cornhl	47
Sterling Tst	45
Tollgate	95
Trio Inv Tst (50p)	44 +1
US Smaller	104 +1

● *See main prices page for Electricity shares*

RIGHTS ISSUES

Allied Holograph N/P	8 –1
Beaverco N/P	1¼
Benson Gp N/P	1½
Bimec Ind N/P	28 +2½
Capital&Cts N/P	10
Naven Res N/P	1¼
Pelican Gp N/P	2
Try Gp N/P	8

(Issue price in brackets).

MAJOR INDICES

New York:		Paris: CAC	488.38 (+1.67)
Dow Jones	3043.60 (–6.04)*	Zurich: SKA Gen	538.2 (–3.0)
S&P Composite	395.43 (–1.04)*		
Tokyo:		London:	
Nikkei Average	22469.01 (+133.14)	FT-A All-Share	1283.65 (+15.03)
Hong Kong:		FT-"500"	1424.90 (+17.11)
Hang Seng	4023.54 (+25.28)	FT. Gold Mines	150.3 (+0.8)
FT-SE Euro 100	1126.81 (+0.97)	FT. Fixed Interest	95.27 (+0.33)
Amsterdam:		FT. Govt Secs	86.16 (+0.20)
CBS Tendency	91.6 (+0.4)	Bargains	29544
Sydney: AO	1539.1 (–1.3)	SEAQ Volume	368.0m
Frankfurt: DAX	1650.46 (–0.04)		
Brussels:		USM (Datastream)	127.31 (+0.35)
General	5667.85 (+27.17)	*Denotes Friday's close	

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Calls				Puts		
Series	Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
Allied Lyons (*619)	500	120	128	140	1	5	5½
	550	72	86	100	3½	10	14
	600	35	49	68	16	26	32
ASDA (*92)	80	15	18	19	2	3	4
	90	6½	11	13	4	5½	7
	100	2½	6	8	10	11	13
Bass (*999)	920	80	–	–	6	–	–
	977	45	–	–	18	–	–
	1025	23	–	–	45	–	–
Boots (*449)	390	51	59	69	2	5½	7
	420	27	37	49	6½	14	16
	460	6½	17	28	29	34	35
Br Airways (*182)	160	26	27	34	2½	5	7
	180	10	16	23	8	14	15
	200	3½	8	14	20	25	27
BP (*354)	300	57	60	64	1	2½	3
	330	29	35	41	3	6	6½
	360	9	16½	23	18	19	21
Br Steel (*131)	120	13	15	17½	2	5	6
	130	6	8½	12	6	9	10½
	140	1½	4	7½	12½	16	16½
C & W (*601)	500	104	114	–	2	3	–
	550	57	76	92	6	13	17
	600	24	44	61	29	30	33
CU (*528)	460	75	87	–	1½	5	–
	500	38	56	63	6	13	18
	550	11	25	35	32	35	42
Courtauld (*497)	420	81	87	102	1	4½	7
	460	45	57	72	6	11	15
	500	19	33	47	29	29	29
GKN (*385)	330	60	68	74	1½	4	9
	360	35	47	52	6	12	19
	390	14	32	35	20	24	33
Grand Met. (*842)	750	97	117	126	3	9	14
	800	55	78	92	9	22	28
	850	24	48	64	30	43	50
ICI (*1378)	1300	109	157	173	15	30	48
	1350	75	128	140	30	45	69
Kingfisher (*381)	500	80	96	110	2	7	9
	550	39	58	74	11	18	24
	600	13	32	47	35	48	44
Ladbroke (*292)	260	35	39	46	4	7	11
	280	18	26	34	9	14	18
	300	7	16	24	20	25	28
Land Sec (*524)	460	70	76	88	1½	3½	5½
	500	35	45	58	5½	12	15
	550	7	18	30	30	38	41
M & S (*295)	260	38	43	51	1½	3½	4½
	280	21	28	37	4½	8	10
	300	8	16	24	13	17	19
Sainsbury (*365)	320	47	52	–	1½	4	–
	350	21	32	–	7	11	–
	380	6½	15	–	25	27	–
Shell (*533)	460	77	80	85	2	4	7
	500	39	50	55	5	11	16
	550	7	21	28	32	35	40
Smith Booth (*810)	750	70	99	113	6½	16	22
	800	35	60	82	23	32	37
	850	13	35	55	50	57	60

	Calls				Puts		
Series	Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
Stanchart (*112)	100	15	18	20	2	4	5½
	110	7½	10½	14	5	8	10
	120	3	6½	10	11	14	16
Trafalgar (*253)	211	48	52	–	1½	6½	–
	231	30	35	–	5	13	–
	251	17	23	–	11	22	–
Ultramar (*279)	260	25	35	36	4	6½	12
	280	13	23	26	11	14	18
	300	5	14	–	25	26	–
Unilever (*764)	650	120	–	–	2	–	–
	700	72	89	–	4	10	–
	750	35	55	66	16	26	31
	800	12	28	41	47	52	59
Utd Biscs (*409)	360	55	61	68	3	5	10
	390	29	40	48	8	13	20
	420	11	25	31	24	28	34

	Calls				Puts		
Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
BAA (*441)	390	60	67	–	4	7	–
	420	36	45	57	11	15	19
	460	13	24	34	30	36	38
BAT Ind (*696)	650	57	74	83	12	17	22
	700	25	44	54	32	42	44
	750	10	28	34	68	73	77
	800	4	12	20	117	120	121
BTR (*442)	390	53	62	69	4½	7½	12
	420	30	42	50	12	18	23
	460	9½	21½	28	54	59	63
Br Aero (*547)	550	22	40	45	30	35	45
	600	8	22	26	68	72	77
	650	3	10	–	117	118	–
Br Telecom (*408)	360	48	53	62	3	6½	9
	390	25	33	43	10	16	18½
	420	10½	18	28	27	31	34
Cadbury (*412)	390	40	52	57	12	18	24
	420	22	37	40	26	30	38
	460	10	20	25	55	55	57
Guinness (*1028)	950	89	117	130	11	20	27
	1000	55	84	99	28	36	45
	1050	29	57	72	55	64	68
GEC (*288)	180	23	27	31	2	4½	5
	200	9	13	19	8	11	12
	220	3½	6½	10½	23	24	25
Hanson (*222)	200	26	29	30	2	6	7
	220	11	14	18	8	14	15
	240	3	5½	10	21	28	29
LASMO (*326)	300	40	50	53	5	9	13
	330	19	30	35	17	21	24
	360	7½	17	23	36	38	40
P & O (*584)	500	95	110	–	3	6	–
	550	55	76	80	10	16	25
	600	21	42	52	32	38	49
Pilkington (*169)	140	34	36	–	2	5	–
	160	19	28	29	6½	10½	14
	180	9	13	19	19	22	24
Prudential (*263)	240	27	35	39	4½	7	10
	260	14	22	27	12	14½	18
	280	5½	13	17	25	26	28

September 2, 1991 Total: 22334 Calls 16906 Puts 5418

*Underlying security price.

	Calls				Puts		
Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
Rental Elec. (*230)	200	45	55	–	8	12	–
	220	32	44	–	13	20	–
	240	22	33	–	24	31	–
Rental Tel. (*340)	300	50	56	–	4	8	–
	330	28	37	–	12	18	–
	360	13	22	–	28	33	–
RTZ (*603)	550	62	80	85	7½	14	22
	600	30	48	54	26	33	42
	650	11	26	34	62	66	70
Scot New (*415)	360	64	69	–	2½	6	–
	390	40	47	57	7	14	15
	420	20	30	40	19	26	30
Tesco (*271)	260	20	28	33	6½	9½	12
	280	9	17	22	18	20	22
	300	3½	9	14	34	35	36
Thames W. (*576)	350	32	37	–	4½	8	–
	370	18	24	–	10	15	–
	400	6	12	–	33	33	–
Lucas (*159)	140	23	25	28	4	6	7½
	160	9	12	17	13	15	17
	180	3	6	9½	28	30	31

	Calls				Puts		
Series	Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
Pearson (*499)	460	46	61	73	4½	11	15
	500	20	35	48	17	25	30
	550	4½	15	27	56	56	61

	Calls				Puts		
Series	Sep	Dec	Mar	Sep	Dec	Mar
Abbey Nat. (*389)	280	31	41	48	1½	4	7
	300	13½	26	33½	6	10½	14
	350	2½	11	18½	25	27	29
Amstrad (*50)	45	7	9	11	1½	4	5
	50	3½	6½	9	3	6	7½
	60	1½	3	5	11	13	14
Barclays (*477)	420	60	73	83	1½	4	9
	460	24	43	55	6½	13	21
	500	4½	21	33	28	35	39
Blue Circ. (*270)	240	32	38	46	1½	5½	8
	260	13	23	33	6	11	15
	280	5	14	23	18	23	26
Br Gas (*274)	240	35	42	45	1	2	4
	260	17	26	31	2	5	9
	280	4	13	18	10	13	18
Dixons (*262)	240	25	34	41	2	6	10
	260	12	22	29	7	14	17
	280	4	12	19	20	24	28
Eurotunnel (*490)	420	82	100	115	2	9	15
	460	48	68	85	7	22	28
	500	22	40	60	23	36	48
Forte (*299)	260	39	42	49	1	3	5
	280	22	27	34	2	7½	10
	300	7	–	–	8	–	–
Glaxo (*1374)	1250	125	153	188	4½	22	33
	1300	89	119	155	14	35	50
	1350	43	90	125	33	56	67
Hawker (*612)	500	117	122	133	1	4	7
	550	70	77	95	3	11	17
	600	25	43	63	14	28	32

	Calls				Puts		
Series	Sep	Dec	Mar	Sep	Dec	Mar
Hillsdown (*238)	200	40	45	49	1	1½	3½
	220	20	28	34	2	5½	8
	240	7	15	22	8	14	17
Lonsho (*248)	220	23	31	34	1½	5	10
	240	7	17	20	7	12	19
	260	2	7½	12	21	25	33
Midland (*256)	220	40	49	56	1	5	8
	240	21	31	42	3½	9½	14
	260	8	22	30	12	20	23
Reuter (*897)	800	108	132	154	4	18	30
	850	56	98	125	12	33	47
	900	22	67	99	30	55	72
	950	10	45	72	65	85	95
R-Royce (*140)	130	11	16	19	3	6	9
	140	5	9½	13	8	11	14½
	160	1	3½	6½	25½	26½	28
Sears (*89)	70	20	21	23	1	1½	1½
	80	10½	12	15	1½	3	4
	90	3	5½	9	4	7	8
Thorn EMI (*816)	700	116	132	140	1	5	8
	750	67	89	101	3	13	16
	800	27	55	69	13	28	31
	850	7	28	46	43	53	59
TSB (*158)	130	29	38	54	1	1½	2½
	140	19½	24	36	1	2½	4½
	160	4	10	13½	5½	8½	11
Vaal Reefs (*356)	50	9	12	14	1	4	6
	60	2½	6½	9	6	9	10½
Wellcome (*761)	650	112	124	145	2	9	15
	700	64	85	110	5	19	27
	750	27	54	80	20	39	47

	Calls				Puts		
Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
Eastern Elec (*182)	160	25	29	31	2½	5	7
	180	10	15	19	8½	13	15
	200	3	7	10	23	26	27

	Calls				Puts		
Series	Sep	Dec	Mar	Sep	Dec	Mar
Nat. Power. (*160)	130	32	35	37	1	1½	2½
	140	20	26	28	1½	2½	4
	160	5½	12	15	5	8	12
Scot Power (*107)	90	17	20	–	1	1½	–
	100	8	12	–	1½	3	–
	110	1½	6	–	6	7	–

FT-SE INDEX (*£2680)

	2580	2630	2680	2680	2780	2730
Calls						
Sep	199	147	103	66	32	14
Oct	216	171	126	93	59	35
Nov	222	181	141	105	74	49
Dec	256	214	170	137	102	76
Jan	349	–	270	–	206	–
Puts						
Sep	4	6½	12	23	47	88
Oct	12	16	23	37	59	88
Nov	19	27	32	48	74	106
Dec	24	32	43	58	78	110
Jan	60	–	90	–	130	–

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5	Reuters	Industrials L-R	
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25	Anglian Water	Water	
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27	Morgan Chic	Industrials L-R	
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37	Scapa	Industrials S-Z	
38	Caird Gp	Chemicals,Plas	
39	RHM	Foods	
40	AIM	Industrials A-D	
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Paul Burton, centre, who admitted offences against a seven-year-old girl. Newspapers reporting the case published a photograph of the abducted child

Fair balance prejudiced?

The publication of a photograph of a child who had gone missing highlights the difficulties for the press in cases where assault charges may be brought. John Spencer reports

Tragically, cases concerning child and adult victims of sexual offences are constantly in the news. One important side effect of such cases concerns the difficulty posed for the courts and the press in reporting them.

On February 13 this year Paul Stephen Burton was sentenced at Winchester Crown Court. The order of the court was that he should be held in a secure mental hospital without limit of time. When sending him to Broadmoor, Mr Justice Auld described Burton as a dangerous man who had committed wicked and terrifying offences. He had admitted kidnapping and falsely imprisoning a seven-year-old girl, as well as robbery, escaping from lawful custody and other serious charges. The defendant also asked for 83 other offences to be taken into consideration.

One striking aspect of newspaper accounts of the case was the appearance, alongside the report, of a photograph of the girl. The publication of such a photograph is rare in these cases and would in other circumstances be illegal.

Early on August 11, 1990, the youngster was seized through an open window and taken by Burton from a holiday caravan rented by her parents in southern England. She was missing for more than two days and her disappearance started a huge police search with national publicity and maximum support from the public and the national and local media. After his arrest, Burton was brought before Weymouth magistrates' court on Wednesday, August 13. Here the difficulties in the law regarding press reporting first became significant. Immediately after his remand in custody, advice was sought publicly from the court.

In such cases it is normal to make an order under section 39 of the Children and Young Persons Act 1933 that no media publicity be given likely to lead to the identification of a child victim. To breach a section 39 order is an offence.

The conclusion reached by the Weymouth magistrates was that, in view of the previous valuable publicity given to the kidnapping and the search, such an order would be quite impracticable and in effect nonsensical.

The chairman of the bench therefore merely asked the press "to be careful and exercise caution in what was to be published as certain facts given would be prejudicial to any trial and might raise the emotions".

Also, it was pointed out that it would be difficult to enforce an order under section 39 restricting publicity and it would not seem to be appropriate.

The reference by the chairman to facts prejudicial to the trial was a reference to Burton's previous convictions, and to the fact that he was on probation and was a wanted man. These facts were put forward by the Crown Prosecution Service as part of the opposition to bail.

In these cases, it is well understood by the press that such facts regarding previous convictions and antecedents cannot be publicised before conviction for fear of prejudicing a fair trial, but it is not always easy to avoid an accidental or hidden reference.

Cases involving a child victim and an adult victim of a sexual attack are different. Nobody could possibly consider that there was any ground for criticising the behaviour of a child as young as Burton's victim, or indeed the behaviour of her parents.

The general knowledge of her plight has led only to a growth in public sympathy for her.

The purpose of restricting publicity is to reduce the personal trauma of a child, but any restriction on publicity in her case could not have helped. In some cases, such as this, it may be that the result of publicity may be beneficial to a child, in that it arouses additional support and understanding.

Sometimes an adult victim may be prepared to talk and write about the experience, as in the Ealing vicarage rape case, but that is the decision of the victim. While not true in that instance, there is in the case of adult, but not child victims, all too often an implied but commonly unjustified criticism of the behaviour of the adult.

In the case of a woman, she is wrongly thought to have instigated, or encouraged, the commission of the sexual offence. The result has been the passing of the Sexual Offences (Amendment) Act, 1976.

This prohibits certain forms of publicity if that publicity is likely to lead members of the public to identify the woman as the alleged victim of a rape, or attempted rape offence, or of an allied offence.

The act also restricts the questions which may be asked in cross-examination in court. There is a defence to a charge of contravening the 1976 act if it is proved that the publication was with the written consent of the victim.

One of the offences with which Burton was also charged was originally before a Sussex magistrates' court, but an arrangement was made to link it with the others before the Weymouth court.

This was an unconnected charge for the rape of a woman in Sussex. As a result of the 1976 act, no publicity at all could be given to that charge in so far as it might lead to the identification of the different victim concerned.

Journalists walk a dangerous tightrope as to what they can and cannot report. They are often reduced to using euphemisms. The courts also have a difficult task in seeking to balance the interests of the victim, the press and the public, not forgetting the legitimate interests of the defendant and the need to secure a fair trial for him.

The public should be aware of these difficulties because both journalists and courts deserve more understanding than they often receive.

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Time to unblock the legal sieve

IN A brave speech to the annual conference of the American Bar Association, the United States vice-president, Dan Quayle, suggested it was time to control the "*growing explosion of litigation*". His less than enthusiastic audience also winced at his comment that the US did not need 70 per cent of the world's lawyers, filing more than 18 million civil suits each year.

Judge Learned Hand of the US Court of Appeals wisely observed earlier this century that "as a litigant, I should dread a lawsuit beyond almost anything else short of sickness and of death". The expense, the delays and the frustrations inevitably associated with litigation make it a constant source of surprise, and pleasure, to lawyers and lay people who are increasingly eager to have judges resolve problems that would once have been compromised more or less amicably out of court. As a new legal year is about to begin, it is appropriate to pause and contemplate this cult of litigation and whether lawyers bear responsibility for it.

Many causes are motivated by pure greed. In the same week as Mr Quayle made his criticisms of overblown lawsuits, it was announced that the former heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson is being sued for $100 million by a contestant at the 1991 Miss Black America pageant for allegedly fondling her buttocks during the competition. The organiser of the pageant is also suing Tyson for $21 million because of the damage said to have been done to the reputation of the event. The pleading is one of which any Chancery practitioner would be proud: exemplary damages should flow, it asserts, because of "defendant Tyson's history as a serial buttocks fondler of black women". Further particulars will no doubt be provided after discovery.

There are lawsuits doomed to failure, and explicable only by the obsessions of the parties. In the 1930s, a vexatious litigant repeatedly petitioned the US Supreme Court to declare war against Turkey. In some complicated disputes, a result may not be reached until the Prophet Elijah returns, at which time, according to Talmudic learning, he "will resolve all unsolved legal questions". In other lawsuits, the answer is all too obvious, the litigation being the product of the desperation of one of the parties. An advocate who has a really bad day may find (as occurred in Tennessee in 1981) that the court tells him "we shall have no more of this", and issues an injunction to restrain him from bringing any similar cases in the future.

Mr Quayle's criticisms of excessive litigation have some substance. There are lawyers on both sides of the Atlantic who encourage their clients to bring actions which have no reasonable prospects of success and who fail to counsel a settlement of a dispute when this will be more beneficial to the client, if not to his adviser. It is rare for courts to comment, as did Mr Justice Cooke for the New Zealand Court of Appeal in a 1984 judgment, on "counsel's common object of avoiding further full-scale litigation". Too many lawyers fail to understand and to act on their professional duties in this respect. In a 1978 judgment, Lord Justice Lawton described the lawyer as "a legal sieve" without whose Herculean efforts "those who were stupid and ignorant might bring their neighbours to court when there was not the beginnings of a case". If the matter is to come to trial, then, as Lord Pearce explained in the Appellate Committee of the House of Lords in 1967, it is the task of counsel representing "the unreasonable" to exercise "firm suasion" and thereby "mitigate their unreason and find some via media by which their case can be presented intelligibly and reasonably".



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The rules of professional conduct are strict in prohibiting lawyers from participating in litigation with no reasonable basis. The Court of Criminal Appeal stated in 1966 that counsel should not "put pen to paper to draft grounds [of appeal] without being certain in their own minds that they were arguable grounds". In 1973 the US appeals court held that filing petitions for review in immigration cases, none of which raised any substantial issue of law but which caused automatic deportation stays, justified disciplinary action against a lawyer. The High Court of Australia in 1974 adopted a similar principle, ruling that counsel should not use public time pursuing "unarguable" submissions.

Criticisms of the legal profession for an explosion in litigation must be tempered by appreciation that it is for the client, not the lawyer, to decide whether to commence a civil action. Having given his advice, the lawyer's role is then to act on his client's instructions, so long as they are lawful and proper in raising an arguable case for the determination of the judge.

Excess zeal for litigation is primarily the fault of litigants, not lawyers. As the Scottish Court of Session has perceptively recognised, "while the client may get rid of his counsel whenever he pleases and employ another, it is by no means easy for a counsel to get rid of his client".

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Lost zeros are costly

ALWAYS count your pounds and pence and check your noughts. Elementary you may think, but mistakes are easily made, as one American law firm found when one of its lawyers, it is alleged, left three noughts out of a mortgage, reducing its value from $92,885,000 to $92,885.

The Prudential insurance company felt safe with its mortgage on eight container ships owned by United States Lines, until someone checked after the deeds had been signed and filed. The Prudential was not amused and sued the three American law firms involved: its own firm, Dewey Ballantine Busby Palmer & Wood, as well as Haight Gardner Poor & Havens, and Gilmartin Poster and Shafto, which acted for the shipping company.



The Prudential finally settled its case against Dewey Ballantine and Haight Gardner for an undisclosed sum last week. But it is still pursuing Gilmartin. According to the court ruling, Haight Gardner has admitted that the error occurred "in its office when it was preparing its share of the documents".

INNS AND OUTS

New-look Lada

JOKES about Lada cars may soon be a thing of the past. Baker & McKenzie, an international law firm, is advising the Soviet Union's ministry of automobile and agricultural machine building on the first big Soviet privatisation, that of Avotovaz (VAZ).

The company is the leading producer of cars in the country, including the Lada, which has spawned legions of jokes along the lines of "What do you call a Lada with a sunroof? A skip."

The Soviet government hopes to attract sufficient foreign capital to increase VAZ's production from 700,000 to one million cars a year.

Abortion moves

THE abortion debate rumbles on in the US. In the latest move, the American Bar Association (ABA) is putting its weight behind moves to introduce legislation to ensure the rights "of patients of federally funded family planning clinics to receive full counselling and referral on all medical options relating to pregnancy" and to permit health-care professionals to advise patients according to their best medical judgment and professional ethics.

The move is an attempt to overturn the decision of the US Supreme Court in Rust v Sullivan, which interpreted government regulations to the contrary.

Celebrity advice

IT WOULD be a surprise if Terry Wogan or Andy Kershaw started to teach us about the law, but in Montreal the association of a radio celebrity with public legal education is taken for granted.

Louis-Paul Allard, the presenter of Radio Montreal's 5am-9am show is also the director of information at Montreal's commission des services juridiques, which is obliged to "promote the development of information programmes to economically underprivileged persons on their rights and obligations". Under his direction, the commission produces *Justice For All*, a television series that has been running for 13 years, with 26 episodes a year.

Border clash?

THE Schengen Convention, under which Germany, The Netherlands, France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Italy have adopted strict rules for the control of their internal and external borders, could become a model for the whole of the European Community. But is it compatible with EC law? A study for the Belgian government by Dr Renée Dedecker, a Belgian academic, suggests there are problems with the convention which could undermine its effectiveness, or even challenge the position of the European Commission as the chief initiator of community law and policy.

In particular, Dr Dedecker has expressed concern at the proposals for "reinforced controls" at the Schengen country's borders, which could threaten a united EC-wide approach, and the apparent lack of accountability to bodies such as the European Court of Justice. Dr Dedecker asks whether, as more countries join the Schengen bloc, the EC council of ministers will become a minority, which would infringe article 148 of the EC treaty.

Alsop boost

TWO senior assistants are leaving Clifford Chance to beef Alsop Wilkinson's *private-client department*. Glenn Hurstfield and Andrew Young are joining Alsop next January 1. When all around are scaling down their private-client departments for more profitable commercial work, Alsop takes a bullish line. "We believe it is essential," a spokesman says, " for us to continue to offer a quality private-client service."

Balkan business

SINCLAIR Roche & Temperley is sponsoring the CBI's East European initiative programme for Romania and Bulgaria. The firm has some experience of advising on transactions in Romania but little knowledge of Bulgaria.

Not many British law firms have experience in this field and it is mainly American firms that have been active in both countries. White & Case, and Shearman & Sterling, for example, are advising Romania on privatisation and joint venture laws.

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Lateral thinkers move out

Many lawyers are planning sideways moves to other firms, taking clients with them. Edward Fennell reports



There was a time when to move from one firm to another smacked of treachery, but the brighter lawyers *returning from holiday this* week could be considering just that, recruitment consultants say. A star lawyer who has an ample following and knows that he is significantly outperforming his colleagues could end up in a so-called "lateral move".

Gareth Quarry, of Quarry *Dougall*, the recruitment consultants, says: "A lateral move is where a partner moves from one firm to another. As little as five years ago such moves barely existed. Now, I believe that as much as 50 per cent of our business comes from that source."

Over the next three to six months, however, Mr Quarry predicts that there will be a large increase in the already sizeable number of moves by partners because of growing discontent over individual remuneration.

There are two main problems. The first is that the recession has bitten deep enough to sort out who the quality lawyers are. Bright individuals in mediocre firms are now acutely aware that they are subsidising their weaker colleagues.

The second problem is that the system of relative remuneration — normally based on progression through ten annual steps — is unable to reflect the relative contributions of different partners. Consequently, energetic younger partners feel that their effort will not be reflected in what they take home in profit.

"The conventional response to this complaint by senior partners is that all that is needed is patience and the rewards will come in due course," Mr Quarry says. "The difficulty is that these days people are not prepared to wait ten years. It is a very fluid world in which law firms now live and who can tell what the situation might be in ten years' time? Partners want their rewards now."

To get those rewards, Mr Quarry predicts that bright partners will be looking keenly at the prospect of a lateral move.

"Many of them are coming to us for a preliminary conversation saying that they have a following worth such-and-such and earnings of X thousand, and asking whether we think they could get more elsewhere," Mr Quarry says.

What follows is a careful dance, as the consultants seek out a possible home for the partner and the partner discreetly asks his clients whether or not they will follow him to his new firm.

In one recent instance, a lateral move was halted by the refusal of an important client to accompany the partner to a firm that it disliked. There is also the problem of conflict of interest, which often arises at this level, limiting room for manoeuvre.

Mr Quarry says: "For the money and equity share at stake the receiving firm doesn't want just the person — they must have the clients as well. And if the clients will not come because of a conflict of interest, then the deal is off."

Another dimension to these lateral moves is that the period of giant mergers looks as if it is over. Instead we are likely to see increasing numbers of specialist teams moving from firm to firm so that substantial amounts of new expertise can be introduced without the disruption of a full merger.

In some cases, as many as ten lawyers may take part in a move that has been concocted by a leading partner. At this level, the deal is based on business plans and hard-headed financial projections rather than a curriculum vitae.

Mr Quarry says: "Putting together such a bolt-on move is a complex management consultancy exercise rather than a mere recruitment exercise but, again, I think we shall see a lot more of these over the next few months."

Meanwhile, down among the lower ranks, another kind of lateral move is taking place as many of the newly qualified solicitors who were made redundant from their London firms earlier in the summer are now emerging in regional firms. The thirst for talent outside the capital is gradually being slaked.

Give a little credit to much maligned cards

The virtues of flexible friends are often forgotten because so many customers stress the problems they create

We are all so used to the credit card that remembering its many virtues has become hard and decrying its few deficiencies easy. It has also become fashionable to point out that banks that have lent, not wisely but too well, have contributed to the recession.

Some critics, therefore, condemn the generous facilities that the credit card represents for most of its solvent users. The critics are unfair, however, to blame bankers for their customers' imprudence. In reality the credit card is a bargain. The customer who uses it properly must settle his account within 25 days, remembering that a cheque takes three business days to clear — otherwise he has to pay interest. The small print added by one credit card operator says: "No interest is payable on purchases listed overleaf provided settlement is made in full and your payment reaches us within 25 days of the date of this statement. Any amount outstanding at the end of the 25-day period will attract interest from the statement date and interest will continue to be charged on a daily basis until full repayment is credited."

Full repayment is hard to calculate once interest has started and few customers have the time, inclination and ability to work out the daily interest on underpaid amounts. The small print says that once interest is running "... even if the full statement balance is repaid by the date specified there will be a further interest charge from the date of this statement until the date that payment is received. This interest charge will appear on your next statement." If a customer has not paid the full amount by the due date he must pay the next two accounts promptly to escape interest at 2 per cent a month.


A real card: some people are collectors

Fewer than 40 per cent of customers always pay fully and within the time allowed. For them the card was free, subsidised by other customers and the retailers, because the credit card operators levy a charge, perhaps about 4 per cent, on those that accept card payments. Today, however, the credit card is not the bargain it was. The Monopolies and Mergers Commission took the point that it was unfair for the improvident to subsidise the provident. The commission agreed the retailer should not be obliged to mark his goods with a single price for cash and card customers. This condition had been imposed by the main credit card operators from the early 1970s. The government has now acted on a recommendation of the commission, which thought the restriction on differential pricing might work against the consumer. Without the restriction, however, there could be a drop in sales revenue, so the card operators imposed an annual charge. Protests followed, but the consumer is likely to be left worse off by the watchdogs' activities. The credit card's popularity for 20 years must indicate that market forces have already moulded a fair and efficient service.

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Onus of proving state of knowledge

Regina v Colle

Before Lord Justice Woolf, Mr Justice Leonard and Mr Justice Hidden

[Judgment July 25]

The *mens rea* for the offence created in section 24 of the Drug Trafficking Offences Act 1986 appeared in the concluding words of subsection 1, "knowing or suspecting", and the onus was on the prosecution to prove that state of knowledge in accordance with the normal standard of proof. If a defendant wished to raise a defence under section 24(4) the onus was on him to do so on the balance of probabilities.

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, so held in dismissing an appeal by Valerie Anne Colle against her convictions at Winchester Crown Court (Judge Tucker and a jury) of assisting another to retain the benefit of drug trafficking and possession of cannabis resin but in allowing her appeal against sentence to the extent that the remainder of the 12-month term of imprisonment be suspended for two years.

Mr John Aspinall, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Mr Nigel Pascoe, QC, Mr Michael Parroy, QC and Mr Michael A. Smith for the prosecution.

LORD JUSTICE WOOLF said that the prosecution contended that if a defendant wished to rely on the defence in section 24(4), the onus was on him to establish the necessary facts on the balance of probabilities.

The defence submitted that it was only in limited cases that the burden of proof shifted from the prosecution to the defence and when it did so clear language was used in the statutory provision.

Defence counsel did accept, however, that if he was correct, section 24(4)(a), (b) and (c) were otiose and in relation to 24(4)(c) he submitted that it was not the persuasive burden which shifted but only the evidential burden.

Judge Tucker took the view that it was possible to adopt a halfway house position whereby the onus was on the prosecution throughout but that it was for the prosecution to disprove matters in section 24(4)(a) and (b).

Their Lordships considered the reasoning of Judge Tucker wrong and found the prosecution's contentions correct.

The *mens rea* of the offence created by section 24 appeared in the concluding words of subsection (1) and the onus was on the prosecution to prove that state of knowledge in accordance with the normal standard of proof.

Subsection (4) did create a statutory defence and the language of the subsection was not otiose and in relation to all the matters in (a), (b) and (c) the burden was on the defendant to prove those matters on the balance of probabilities.

That approach was made clear by the opening words of subsection (4) which stated that it was for "a defendant to prove".

Solicitors: CPS, Bournemouth.

Applying for security for costs

Roburn Construction Ltd v William Irwin (South) & Co Ltd

Before Lord Justice Dillon and Lord Justice Nolan

[Judgment July 3]

Where labour-only subcontractors, a company with limited assets, brought an action against main building contractors who had employed them for some time, and the contractors applied for security for costs, there was no principle whereby the subcontractors were required to provide only nominal security.

The Court of Appeal so held in allowing an appeal by the defendants, William Irwin (South) & Co Ltd, from an order by Judge Peter Bowsher, QC, sitting on official referees' business on May 8, 1991 that the plaintiffs, Roburn Construction Ltd, provide security for costs in the sum of £5,000 in respect of their action against the defendants in connection with the supply by the plaintiffs of labour for a development at the Kennet Centre, Newbury.

Mr Philip Engelman for the defendants; Mr Darryl Royce for the plaintiffs.

LORD JUSTICE DILLON said that the defendants had been the plaintiffs' principal customers since the plaintiffs' incorporation in 1987.

In their action the plaintiffs claimed damages of some £429,000, and the defendants counterclaimed for over £200,000. The trial was estimated to last 20 days, and the defendants estimated their bill of costs of the action at £150,000.

Since it was quite plain that, if the defendants succeeded, the plaintiffs would be unable to pay costs of that order, the plaintiffs applied for security for costs under section 726 of the Companies Act 1985.

In *Sir Lindsay Parkinson & Co Ltd v Triplan Ltd* ([1973] QB 609, 628-629), Lord Justice Lawton, expressing the majority view of the Court of Appeal by which their Lordships were bound, said, in relation to the statutory predecessor of section 726 which was in the same terms, that once it was established by credible evidence that there was reason to believe that the plaintiff company would be unable to pay the costs of the defendants in the event of the defendants succeeding, the court had a discretion as to security for costs which ought not to be hampered by any special rules and "which [it] will exercise having regard to all the circumstances of the case".

The judge in the present case had said: "The question that has troubled me more than anything is a matter of principle not dealt with in *Parkinson* . . . " and had ordered the plaintiffs to provide security "in the nominal sum of £5,000".

Mr Royce submitted that the judge was not deciding a matter of principle but was merely bringing into account a factor relevant to the exercise of his discretion.

However, the judge clearly did treat the matter as one of principle. Although the supposed principle would simplify official referees' business, there was no warrant whatever for its existence as it would be entirely contrary to the majority holding in *Parkinson*.

Since the judge erred in the exercise of his discretion in thinking that there was a principle where there was none, the court was entitled to exercise its own discretion.

Weighing all the relevant factors in the present case, his Lordship would set the figure for security at £40,000.

Lord Justice Nolan delivered a concurring judgment.

Solicitors: Chethams for Ford & Warren, Leeds; Wilde Sapte.

Leave to appeal wrongly granted

Regina v Secretary of State for the Home Office, Ex parte Ryoo

A judge who set aside his own decision granting an applicant leave to move for judicial review of an immigration officer's refusal to grant her leave to enter the United Kingdom should not then grant the applicant leave to appeal. In such circumstances the judge should have left the applicant to make a renewed application to the Court of Appeal.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Neill, Lord Justice Russell and Lord Justice Leggatt) so stated on July 4 when dismissing an appeal by the applicant, Soon Ok Ryoo, from the order setting aside leave granted by Mr Justice Simon Brown on January 22 to move for judicial review.

LORD JUSTICE RUSSELL said that the applicant wanted her case to be heard by way of an appeal from the judge because should it proceed by way of a renewed application and be refused she had no way of appealing to the House of Lords.

The judge, not able to recall his reasons for so doing, had granted the applicant leave in September 1990. Setting aside that order in January the judge said that she had no arguable case to *justify judicial review*.

Having so concluded the judge should not have then given her leave to appeal. The setting aside of leave and granting leave to appeal were mutually inconsistent.

Solicitor liable

Smith and Another v Claremont Haynes & Co

Where a solicitor had the essence of an intended will expressed or made known to him by a person he knew to be an intended testator and where he might reasonably have been expected to be aware of an element of urgency in the preparation of the will by reason of the state of the intended testator's health, then he was liable in negligence when his failure to act promptly deprived two intended beneficiaries of their expectancies under the intended will.

Judge Barnett, QC, sitting as a deputy judge of the Queen's Bench Division, so held on July 23 when giving judgment in favour of the plaintiffs, the executor of Leonard Gerald Smith, and Mrs Evelyn Smith, in their action for negligence against Mr John Bevan, solicitor to the late Joan Smith, their niece.

Further particulars in industrial tribunal cases

Byrne and Others v The Financial Times Ltd

Before Mr Justice Wood, Mr L. D. Cowan and Mr G. H. Wright

[Judgment July 16]

General principles affecting the ordering of further and better particulars in industrial tribunal proceedings were given by the Employment Appeal Tribunal, when giving reasons for dismissing an interlocutory appeal by Janet Byrne and 10 other employees against the refusal of the chairman of a London industrial tribunal to order the respondent employers, The Financial Times Ltd, to supply further and better particulars of their defence to claims by the employees for equal pay for equal work.

Miss Vivienne Gay for the employees; Mr John Bowers for the employers.

MR JUSTICE WOOD said that the employers had raised defences under section 1(3) of the Equal Pay Act 1970, seeking to establish that the differences in pay were due to a number of factors none of which was the difference of sex.

The employees were seeking a breakdown of the difference in salary and an allocation of a specific sum to a particular fact in the work record or history of each comparator.

The lay members of the appeal tribunal indicated that, where there was a single or obvious relationship between a factor and an amount, that could, and had been pleaded. However, they stressed that, in realistic industrial situations, it was impossible to attribute a particular weight to a particular factor when fixing a wage, whether in bargaining terms or not.

General principles affecting the ordering of further and better particulars included that the parties should not be taken by surprise at the last minute, that particulars should only be ordered when necessary in order to do justice in the case or to prevent adjournment, that the order should not be oppressive, that particulars were for the purposes of identifying the issues not for the production of evidence, and that complicated pleadings battles should not be encouraged.

Justice was not infrequently achieved by limited, although sufficient, pleadings followed by a hearing at which any problems which arose could be dealt with by adjournment or further interlocutory orders, together, in any event, with a sanction of costs.

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A sparkling future appears clear-cut

Jewellery designers can look forward to brighter prospects in the single EC market, Sally Watts reports

British tastes in jewellery, unlike those of many continentals, tend towards the discreet. This has meant that British designers, though second to none, have been restricted in what they can make.

The single European market, however, will make it easier for our designers to sell their products to a much wider public. This should also result in more individual and interesting designs as continental tastes start to exert an influence.

Every year, between 600 and 800 new jewellers emerge from art schools and polytechnics. Industrial placements form an important part of their course, whether degree or diploma. These usually put students on the first steps of their careers, partly because their first job after qualifying is often with one of these employers, and also because placements provide experience involving the day-to-day business aspects of their profession.

Apart from teaching, there are three main routes: to go solo, to join an existing freelance workshop, which reduces costs and overheads compared with a one-person operation, or to enter industry. This last is the choice of Joanne Westgate, a graduate of Sir John Cass school of art. At 27, she is the head of design at Ernest Jones and Leslie Davis, the upmarket end of Ratners.

Mrs Westgate says: "I want to bring design to millions, not just to people with money." Part of her job is to restyle old pieces brought in by customers and to participate in restyling events at the largest of the company's 220 branches, where clients' jewellery is given a new look.

Two years ago, while working in costume jewellery, she wrote to Ratners to ask for exactly the sort of job she now has. "There is scope in design, in product development and in a one-off business, but I love the cut and thrust of designing for the high street mass market," she says.

The two main qualifications are the BA Hons degree and the Business and Technician Education Council higher national diploma. Tony Laws, the head of John Cass's silversmithing and jewellery faculty, which has nine different courses and 1,000 students from all over the world, explains: "The difference is a question of emphasis. A degree gives an advantage in academic terms, with emphasis on design ability, and normally implies an extra year of study. Ours is a four-year sandwich course.

"The employer wanting a senior person looks for a graduate. If he or she wants a studio manager, he looks for someone with a higher national diploma (HND), which emphasises craft technique."

Both courses include business studies, a subject particularly useful to people who set up on their own. Even so, as Barry Moss, the development officer at the Goldsmith's Company, points out, the solo jeweller has many responsibilities: including locating sources for finance and materials, marketing and research, quality control, copyright, getting orders — and executing them.

Tony Clare, aged 29, is one example of a solo jeweller. He started his workshop in 1988 at his parents' hotel in St Anne's, Lancashire, and believes self-employed designers help to encourage individuality.

"I make what I want and hope it sells," he says. "Yes, it is risky, but you have to be prepared for that."

After having had "a long, hard slog" to become established, he is pleased with his progress, which includes some exporting, and showing at galleries. In March his platinum wire and diamond bracelet was in the Goldsmith's Hall exhibition of craftsmanship and design awards. Mr Clare did an HND course at Medway College, Rochester, part of the Kent institute of art and design. This, he says, was better for him than a degree because it is more practical.

The senior lecturer at Medway, Brian Hill, agrees, stating the value of ability plus "practical creativity". Mr Hill says: "Students need a training structure that equips them for industry."

Simon Rees and Susan Small set up their design business in Hackney, east London, in 1986, a year after graduating from John Cass. They married last year. He designs and sells, she manufactures and runs the business.

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David Powell, Athletics Correspondent, looks back on the outstanding success of the world championships in Tokyo

Golden moments which enchanted the world

IF THE athletes who deplore the prospect of biennial world championships were looking for a public sympathy vote, they have done themselves no favours here. This was athletics in all its finery.

Carl Lewis, Mike Powell and Katrin Krabbe wore the loudest colours, but there was no shortage of psychedelia in the background: Michael Johnson, Moses Tanui, Kimmo Kinnunen, Dan O'Brien, Marie-José Perec and Liz McColgan each gave the national stadium treasured moments.

Lewis was the athlete of the championships. He set a world record in the 100 metres, had a part in another, the sprint relay, and played a supportive role to Mike Powell in arguably the event of the championships, the long jump. The 100 metres had been the greatest in history with six men under 10.00sec and two under 9.90, but the long jump saw Powell put an end to the oldest world record.

Bob Beamon's 8.90 metres has been replaced by the 4 x 400 metres relay mark, belonging to the United States and set two days after Beamon's jump in 1968. Britain, leaving their best until last, at least inflicted a rare defeat on American relay running with a European record and gold medal to go with McColgan's in the 10,000 metres.

For consistency, no country compares with Britain: seven medals at the first world championships, in 1983, seven at the second, and seven again. Two golds, two silvers and three bronze, fewer than the double figures that Frank Dick, the national director of coaching, had predicted.

Britain finished fifth in the medals table, behind the United States, the Soviet Union, Germany and Kenya. The complexion at the top is changing. In 1983, and again in 1987, East Germany won ten gold medals. Here, a combined Germany, competing for the first time in a global championship, won five.

Also for the first time Algeria and China are prominently placed. Through Noureddine Morceli and Hassiba Boulmerka, Algeria became the first country in either world championships or Olympics to provide both winners of the 1,500 metres.

There has been athletics in China for 100 years but only in the last decade has it become popular. It took a bronze, in the men's high jump, at the first world championships and another, for the women's 10 kilometres walk, in the second. In 1989, Huang Zhihong became the first Chinese athlete to win a significant international event, the women's shot at the World Cup. China took another step up here with four medals, all won by women. Huang won the shot, Demei Xu the javelin, and chasing home McColgan for the minor medals in the 10,000 metres were Huandi Zhong and Xiuting Wang. In striving to become a power by the end of the century, emphasis has been put on the children in China. In 1985, 26 towns and counties were chosen as cradles and training bases for track and field.

Kenya, without a medal in 1983, took three in 1987. This time they won eight. Seven of them came in the five men's middle-distance and long-distance track events. Four were gold.

The United States won six of the nine medals in the men's 100 metres, 200 metres and 400 metres, including all three gold through Lewis, Johnson and Antonio Pettigrew.

The Americans and Africans closed the door on Europe in the men's running events. Of the 33 medals, only four went to Europeans: Roger Black (400 metres silver), Tony Jarrett (high hurdles bronze), Kriss Akabusi (400 metres hurdles) and Hauke Fuhlbrugge (1,500 metres bronze).

Before the championships, the point was made by Sally Gunnell, the British women's captain, that the reason for their failure at the European championships last year, by comparison with the men, was that Europe, not Africa or America, is the strength of world women's athletics. Here this was underlined. Only one of the women's nine track gold medals went to a non-European, to Boulmerka.

It was the week when streaks went back to scratch. Lewis lost after 65 successive long-jump wins, Merlene Ottey after 56 consecutive 100 metres wins, and 36 at 200 metres, and Ilke Wyludda after 65 discus victories.

These are statistics which will soon be forgotten. Not so Perec, a 400 metres world champion from Guadaloupe. Guadaloupe is shaped like a butterfly, and Perec floats like one. The more often she is out of her box, the better the sport seems.



Dick: hopes unfulfilled

THE MEDAL WINNERS

1983 — Helsinki

	G	S	B	Total
East Germany	10	7	5	22
United States	8	9	7	24
Soviet Union	6	6	11	23
Czechoslovakia	4	3	2	9
West Germany	2	5	1	8
Britain	2	2	3	7
Poland	2	1	1	4
Finland	1	1	1	3
Italy	1	1	1	3
Jamaica	1	1	1	3
Australia	1	0	0	1
Mexico	1	0	0	1
Norway	1	0	0	1
Ireland	1	0	0	1
Romania	0	1	0	1
Spain	0	1	0	1
Cuba	0	1	0	1
Netherlands	0	1	0	1
Ethiopia	0	1	0	1
Bulgaria	0	0	3	3
Brazil	0	0	1	1
Nigeria	0	0	1	1
Greece	0	0	1	1
Morocco	0	0	1	1
China	0	0	1	1

1987 — Rome

	G	S	B	Total
East Germany	10	11	10	31
United States	9	5	6	20
Soviet Union	7	12	6	25
Bulgaria	3	0	1	4
Kenya	3	0	0	3
Italy	2	2	1	5
Britain	1	3	3	7
Portugal	1	0	0	1
Canada	1	0	0	1
Switzerland	1	0	0	1
Sweden	1	0	0	1
Finland	1	0	0	1
Norway	1	0	0	1
Morocco	1	0	0	1
Somalia	1	0	0	1
France	0	2	1	3
Australia	0	2	0	2
Jamaica	0	1	3	4
West Germany	0	1	2	3
Czechoslovakia	0	1	1	2
Romania	0	1	1	2
Spain	0	1	1	2
Nigeria	0	1	0	1
Djibouti	0	1	0	1
Cuba	0	0	2	2
China	0	0	1	1
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1991 — Tokyo

	G	S	B	Total
United States	10	6	8	25
Soviet Union	9	9	10	28
Germany	5	4	8	17
Kenya	4	3	1	8
Great Britain	2	2	3	7
China	2	1	1	4
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Norway	0	1	1	2
Romania	0	1	1	2
Brazil	0	1	0	1
Djibouti	0	1	0	1
Ethiopia	0	1	0	1
Namibia	0	1	0	1
Netherlands	0	1	0	1
Sweden	0	1	0	1
Morocco	0	0	2	2
Spain	0	0	1	1

GOLF

Success for Floyd is a shot in the arm for Stockton

By MITCHELL PLATTS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT

RAYMOND Floyd reduced the pressure on Dave Stockton, the United States Ryder Cup captain, when he won the Augusta Open in Japan at the weekend.

Stockton has been criticised for his decision to select Floyd for the match against Europe at Kiawah Island, South Carolina, from September 27 to 29. It was felt that either Jack Nicklaus or Tom Watson should have been chosen in preference to Floyd, who will be 49 tomorrow. Instead, Stockton went for Chip Beck and Floyd, the 1989 captain.

Bernard Gallacher, the Europe captain, expressed his surprise. "If I'd been in Dave's shoes, I would've picked John Daly, the new US PGA champion, and Jack Nicklaus or Tom Watson," he said.

In the United States, most observers immediately pointed to Floyd's unimpressive record in the Ryder Cup. Terry Galvin, editor of *Golf World* in the United States, wrote: "Raymond Floyd? Wow! Stockton could have avoided second guessing with any of two, maybe even three, other choices. But this one could open the floodgate, especially if the Americans come away empty handed from Kiawah Island. Moreover, his [Floyd's] Ryder Cup record is, in one word, pathetic."

Floyd has won only seven of his 23 matches, and they were played at a time of American dominance, but he defended himself by pointing out he has consistently drawn the strongest opposition. Fuzzy Zoeller is the only American with an inferior record of those who have played in more than ten matches.

Yet Floyd has now given his critics food for thought. It was his first win since the Walt Disney World Classic in 1986 and, more importantly, he did not suffocate under the intense pressure in Japan.

The previous occasion he was in with a winning chance was in the Masters at Augusta last year. He was three shots clear with six holes to play but Nick Faldo caught him and Floyd committed the cardinal sin at the second extra hole. With only an eight-iron, he pulled a relatively simple shot into the water. It was the kind of shot which could win or lose the Ryder Cup at Kiawah.

Floyd will become the first player to compete in the match in four different decades. Stockton has already stressed that, with Floyd, he has many options because he can pair him with any player in the team.

Coincidentally, on the same weekend that Floyd chose to reinforce American claims for regaining the Cup, so Sandy Lyle emerged from his own personal torment. Lyle, however, is not in the Ryder Cup. Gallacher opted for Mark James.

It is no reason to criticise Gallacher. Quite simply, his hands were tied. He had waited patiently all year for an excuse to select his fellow Scot, yet Lyle provided it one week too late. Gallacher could have taken Lyle given more room to manoeuvre. He did not have the space because of Nick Faldo and José-María Olazábal failing to win automatic places.

Yet Lyle is not grieving. "Bernard was right to choose Mark," he said. "I've produced my form too late to make the team this year, but I will be back in 1993."

☐ Steve Richardson and Paul Broadhurst will make their first appearances in the Dunhill Cup at St Andrews from October 10 to 13.

Davies shares lead

LAURA Davies, of Britain, and Pat Bradley, of United States, are tied for the lead at 12-under-par after yesterday's second round of the Rail Charity Golf Classic at Springfield, Illinois.

Davies, who started the day in front at ten under-par after a course and tour record round of 62 on the opening day, had a two-under-par round of 70. Bradley picked up seven birdies and an eagle, but also had two bogeys in her score of 65.

"I played quite well again, but the putts just didn't go in like they did yesterday," Davies said. "But I would have been pleased with a 72 today."

LEADING SCORES: (US unless stated): 132: P Bradley, 67, 65, L Davies (GB), 62, 70. 136: D Mochrie, 68, 68; P Dunlap, 70, 66. 137: M Mackall, 68, 69, M Mallon, 68, 69; D Ammaccapane, 69, 68; L Kean, 68, 69; A Ritzman, 69, 68. 139: E Gibson, 69, 70; K Postlewait, 70, 69; S Steinhauer, 68, 71; N Foust, 71, 68; K Albers, 72, 67; K Rogerson, 71, 68; K Shipmen, 68, 71. Other British scores: 143: P Wright, 70, 73. 145: K Davies, 72, 73; C Pierce, 74, 71.

MOTOR SPORT

Coulthard extends his advantage

DAVID Coulthard, in his first year of Formula Three, extended his lead in the British championship on Sunday with a convincing race victory at Brands Hatch (Stephen Slater writes). Both his principal rivals, the Brazilian drivers, Rubens Barrichello and Gil de Ferran, finished behind the Scot.

Coulthard, aged 20, is in the second year of the "staircase of talent" scheme launched by former grand prix world champion, Jackie Stewart. He spent the previous year gaining experience on European circuits in the Formula Opel Lotus series before graduating to Formula Three. Ironically, his team-mate last year, de Ferran, has now become one of his closest rivals after stepping off the staircase to become the lead driver of the Reynard factory team.

RESULTS: British Formula 3000 (at Donington Park): 1, F Biscion (Swe), Lola-Cosworth, 40min 16.61sec (113.62mph); 2, J Westwood (GB), Lola-Cosworth, 40:32.36; 3, M Greco (Br), Reynard-Cosworth, 40:52.90; 4, J Policand (Fr), Reynard-Cosworth, 41:00.21; 5, F Gosparini (It), Reynard-Cosworth, 41:00.37; 6, E O'Brien (GB), Reynard-Cosworth, 41:19.55. British Formula Three (at Brands Hatch): 1, D Coulthard (GB), Ralt-Mugen, 20:45.09 (112.76mph); 2, G de Ferran (Br), Reynard-Mugen, 20:50.12; 3, R Barrichello (Br), Ralt-Mugen, 20:50.74; 4, M Albers (Neth), Ralt-Mugen, 21:08.86; 5, J Gene (Sp), Ralt-Mugen, 21:08.99; 6, R Rydell (Swe), Toms-Toyota, 21:11.40.

Eagles' hopes suffer after just one game



Carried away: Cunningham is transported off the field after injuring his knee in the first game of the season

Cunningham may miss season

By ROBERT KIRLEY

THE Philadelphia Eagles had big plans. After three consecutive first-round play-off defeats, the dismissal of their coach, Buddy Ryan, and a brutal team meeting that savaged some big egos last April, they swore a pact of togetherness and aimed for the top.

Life can be cruel in the National Football League. When the 72nd season opened on Sunday, Randall Cunningham, of the Eagles, sustained a knee injury on the first play of the second quarter. The splendid scrambling quarterback, the key to the Eagles' dreams, will probably be lost for the season.

Cunningham was to undergo a magnetic-resonance imaging test yesterday to determine whether surgery was required. He was hurt when the linebacker, Bryce Paup, of the Green Bay Packers, blasted him while the former was throwing an incompletion.

"People have been critical of me for running out of the pocket," Cunningham said of his protective blocking. "The one time I get injured, I'm sitting in the pocket. When I come back, I'll be the old [free-ranging] Randall."

Cunningham's departure marred a win for the new Philadelphia coach, Rich Kotite. Jim McMahon, who led Chicago to the Super Bowl championship in 1986, came off the bench to complete two scoring tosses in a 20-3 win over the Packers. McMahon hit on 17 of 25 for 257 yards, with touchdown passes of 32 yards to Keith Byars and 75 yards to Fred Barnett. He also threw two interceptions.

Other quarterbacks took a beating. Dave Krieg, of the Seattle Seahawks, will likely miss two months because of a broken thumb. Jim Kelly, of the Buffalo Bills, and Bubby Brister, of the Pittsburgh Steelers, incurred less serious injuries. Kelly returned to his game and Brister will play next weekend.

Kelly left his game in the third quarter after spraining an ankle again, but came back to guide the Bills to three touchdowns in a 35-31 win over the Miami Dolphins. On his third play in place of Kelly, Frank Reich hit Butch Rolle for a three-yard score to bring Buffalo within 17-14. Kelly then completed a 50-yard touchdown pass to Thurman Thomas.

Brister sustained concussion with nine minutes to play and the Steelers leading the San Diego Chargers 19-13. Neil O'Donnell replaced him and threw an 89-yard scoring pass to Dwight Stone to seal a 26-20 victory. John Elway threw two scoring passes and ran for two touchdowns as the Denver Broncos beat the Cincinnati Bengals 45-10.

Mark Rypien threw for two touchdowns and Darrell Green set up two scores with interceptions to push the Washington Redskins past the Detroit Lions 45-0. Barry Sanders, of Detroit, who led the league in rushing and touchdowns last season, aggravated a rib injury before the game and did not play. Markus Paul intercepted two Wade Wilson passes to give the Chicago Bears a 10-6 win over the Minnesota Vikings. Chicago won their opening game for the eighth consecutive season, the longest streak in the league.

Warren Moon fired two touchdown passes and dashed for another and Allen Pinkett rushed for a career-best 144 yards and one score as the Houston Oilers beat the Los Angeles Raiders 47-17. Christian Okoye gained 143 yards and scored once and Albert Lewis picked off three passes to give the Kansas City Chiefs a 14-3 win over the Atlanta Falcons.

The New England Patriots, under the direction of a new coach, Dick MacPherson, upset the Indianapolis Colts 16-7 through Jason Staurovsky, who kicked three field goals. The Colts missed four field goals.

RESULTS: Kansas City 14, Atlanta 3; New Orleans 27, Seattle 24; New York Jets 16, Tampa Bay 13; Dallas 28, Cleveland 14; Philadelphia 20, Green Bay 3; Phoenix 24, Los Angeles Rams 14; Houston 47, Los Angeles Raiders 17; Buffalo 35, Miami 31; Chicago 10, Minnesota 6; New England 16, Indianapolis 7; Pittsburgh 28, San Diego 20; Denver 45, Cincinnati 14; Washington 45, Detroit 0.

BASEBALL

Emerging Braves try to stop the rot

By ROBERT KIRLEY

ATLANTA has won the rights to the 1994 Super Bowl and the 1996 Summer Olympics but Americans know the city as "Loserville". The Falcons in football, the Hawks in basketball and the Braves in baseball have hard-earned traditions of ineptitude.

The Braves are making amends. Last week, they took over first place in the National League West with a 3-1 win over the New York Mets. Tom Glavine knocked in a tie-breaking run and pitched a four-hitter to become the first 17-game winner. The Los Angeles Dodgers had been the leaders since May 17, when they shared first place with Atlanta. The Braves are leaders this late in a season for the first time in eight years.

Atlanta trailed Los Angeles by nine-and-a-half games at the All-Star break in early July. First they overtook the Cincinnati Reds, the winners of the World Series last year, then the Dodgers. Los Angeles have fought back with three consecutive victories. Ramon Martinez pitched them into a tie with the Braves in a 12-3 win over the Chicago Cubs on Sunday while the Braves lost 5-4 to the Philadelphia Phillies.

No team in any division has gone from last place to first in one year but the Braves and the Minnesota Twins, of the American League West, are in position to do so.

Bo Jackson continues his amazing recovery from a football injury sustained last January while playing for the Los Angeles Raiders. After playing well in six minor-league baseball games last week, he was scheduled to be in the line-up for the Chicago White Sox against his former colleagues, the Kansas City Royals, last night.

After spending several months on crutches, he began taking batting practice with the White Sox in mid-July. He will be the club's designated hitter so he will not have to defend a position in the field.

Bret Saberhagen, of Kansas City, pitched his first no-hitter in a 7-0 win over the Chicago White Sox last week. Saberhagen was the most valuable player of the 1985 World Series and a Cy Young winner in 1985 and 1989.

Lenny Dykstra, of the Phillies, made a spectacular catch at Riverfront stadium in Cincinnati then ran into the wall and broke his collarbone, ending his season. It was the same collarbone fractured in a car crash on May 6 that seriously injured him and a team-mate.

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Winning formula that makes Trainer a success

SPORT ON TELEVISION

THE WEEK IN REVIEW

By HENRY KELLY

I'LL begin this morning with a simple confession, said to be good for the soul: I liked *Trainer*, the racing soap opera-cum-thriller that started on Sunday night on BBC1. I just sat in front of the television, claret wobbling in the glass as befits a man about to watch a racing programme, and I enjoyed every minute of it.

I cannot wait to see whether the in-debt, croaked trainer gets his comeuppance from his erstwhile assistant; roll on the moment when the horrible ones get their just rewards and the good guys back a winner acting purely on information supplied and a keen eye for the form book. You see, moralising posturing about something such as *Trainer* would be the equivalent of complaining that, these days, there aren't enough laughs on *Newsnight* or that quiz programmes should be taken seriously.

Of course the plot and sub-plots of *Trainer* are a bit thin. I tell you, half the plots and sub-plots in life are a bit thin too. Of course the dialogue in *Trainer* is corny: so turn to the person sitting beside you at this moment and say something original. Go on. See what I mean?

Trainer, to be objective for a second, has a genuine feel about it too. It looked good and felt good. It is very accurate: I know trainers who have casino debts, I know trainers who change jockeys without telling owners and I know owners who behave as if they knew everything there is to know about horses and who, when the humour takes them, will threaten a training yard with the withdrawal of horses.

I know assistant trainers who want to be the master. I know people in racing with drink problems and I know merry widows who are on the lookout for deeply-lasting personal relationships, but who, in the meantime, well, know what I mean, guv'nor, I don't know what came over me! And I know professional punters who work harder than most people in nine-to-five jobs.

It was a master stroke that the first episode of *Trainer* should have almost totally ignored the punter's role. David McCallum thus emerged as the hidden package for next week and the rest of the run. Elsewhere, I'm sure you'll read acres of words about *Trainer*. Let me repeat: I liked it. Roll on next week. Only please, cut out the music almost altogether, it nearly spoiled the whole thing, like watching your horse win while at the dentist!

What about those guys winning the 4 x 400 metres relay, nicking it from under the noses of the Americans at the end of the world athletics championships in Tokyo? Am I a sentimental old fool or does everyone cry watching athletics? I nearly missed Kriss Akabusi winning because I was screaming my head off. Liz McColgan's gold came into the same category. The girl looks so frail you'd help her across the street and she goes and pulverises the best women athletes at the distance in the world. More than flesh and blood can take.

Yesterday was spent discussing with friends how interesting it was that, when the final medal ceremony arrived for the men's relay, there on the podia stood 12 men, eleven of them black and the twelfth actually called Black. Who says the Almighty doesn't have a sense of humour.

Athletics, as I think I may have mentioned before, presents us all with the easiest of unrealisable fantasies: in public parks all over Britain today, boys are pretending to be Kriss Akabusi or Roger Black and little girls are hunching their shoulders and saying "Look, I'm Liz McColgan".

Unlike nearly every other sport in the world, athletics needs nothing but your own body to help you dream. That, and the fact that the games brought such marvellous individual performances, meant that these Tokyo Games have whetted our appetites for Barcelona.

Mercifully, it was the BBC, in Tokyo with David Coleman and at home with Des Lynam, Daley Thompson and David Moorcroft, which covered the event for Britain. Maybe when *Trainer* finishes its run, the writers and production team who also gave us *Howard's Way* will turn their attention to athletics. They'll have a hard time matching the drama and excitement of the real thing.

CYCLING

Longland leaves his title rivals standing

By PETER BRYAN

GLEN Longland found it painful to sit down yesterday, and it was nothing to do with the three-mile ride he made to the accountants office in Southampton where he works. The pain was the result of a non-stop 12-hour ride the previous day when he won the Poole Wheelers unpaced trial.

Longland covered 300.086 miles during his half-day in the saddle, which was more than sufficient to claim a British record and become the first rider to average 25mph in 12 hours. He had set the previous national record of 291.7 miles in 1986.

Longland made history on the roads of Hampshire and Dorset with a performance which also put him top of the British best all-rounder table, a season-long competition decided by the fastest average speed at 50 and 100 miles, and the fatigue of a 12-hour ride.

Longland, aged 35, had scheduled a distance of 280 miles in his bid to take the all-rounder competition lead from Kevin Dawson, 14 years his junior. He then heard that Dawson had improved at 50 miles that morning. "That really got me going," Longland said yesterday.

Time is running out for those wishing to challenge him. His performance all but ended the chances of the defending champion, Gary Dighton, and the 1990 runner-up, Gethin Butler, neither of whom finished the Poole event.

Longland is unsure whether he will have recovered in time to ride a 50-mile tandem time-trial next weekend with his Antelope-Radford team colleague, Neville Stroud.

Combination can take advantage of easier opportunity

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

THE conditions of the *Timeform* Futurity, run over six furlongs at Pontefract today, look tailormade for a two-year-old with the proven ability of Combination, who is napped to give Lynda Ramsden another triumph in her farewell season.

A winner over today's course and distance in June, and before that at Nottingham, Combination has been competing on an altogether higher level since.

Although he could only manage eighth place in the Coventry Stakes at Royal Ascot and fifth in the Krug Superlative Stakes at Newmarket, Combination would be meeting all of his rivals on worse terms today if the race were a handicap.

It is Combination's only subsequent race, also at Newmarket, that now stands up so well under scrutiny. That was a handicap in which, under top weight, he finished third to Swing Low and Fylde Flyer.

The enormity of his task, when asked to give them 7lb or more, can now be gauged by the fact that Swing Low had won his two previous races and has won his only one since while Fylde Flyer had also won his two previous races before going on to finish second three times in succession.

Today, the opposition is headed by the Barry Hills-trained Baltra who won nicely at Sandown and Lingfield either side of finishing six lengths behind those good fillies Solar Star and Coffee Ice at Newmarket.

Tamim, who finished fifth in the Norfolk Stakes at Royal Ascot after winning well at Haydock, and the runaway Hamilton winner Euro Festival would appear to be the pick of the remainder, although I must put in a good word for Traders Dream who was dropped in at the deep end on his debut at Newbury when taking on colts of the calibre of Rodrigo De Triano and River Falls.

No matter how Tamim fares, his trainer Tom Jones and his jockey Richard Hills should be on the mark with Jackson Flint in the Phil Bull Trophy.



Ramsden: has found good opening for Combination

While conceding that the distance of this race represents unknown territory for him, I feel that he should still possess the requisite stamina since his elder half-brother Stavordale stayed well enough to win the Northumberland Plate over two miles. That stamina comes from their maternal grandsire French Beige, who had few peers in long-distance races during the late 1950s.

My other principal fancy on the south Yorkshire track is Miss Mirror in the *Timeform Perspective* Handicap, with Lester Piggott riding for his son-in-law, William Haggas.

This will be Miss Mirror's first race in handicap company. Although she is out of a mare by Rheingold, I suspect that she will be better suited by today's trip than the longer distances over which she has raced so far this season. Her sire, Magic Mirror, was basically noted for his speed.

Last time out at Beverley, Miss Mirror was in command at a mile, today's distance, before her stamina gave out.

At Brighton, my idea of the best bet is the Richard Hannon-trained Grand Vitesse in the EBF Withdean Maiden Stakes. His recent fourth behind Powerful Edge at Salisbury gives him an obvious chance, more especially since Stinger seems to have gone downhill since his promising Sandown debut.

PONTEFRACT

MANDARIN	THUNDERER	RICHARD EVANS
2.15 Maid Welcome.	2.15 Catherines Well.	4.15 Jackson Flint.
2.45 Lady Baraka.	2.45 Lady Baraka.	5.15 Beaumont's Keep.
3.15 Amatorial.	3.15 Amatorial.	
3.45 COMBINATION (nap).	3.45 Tamim.	
4.15 Jackson Flint.	4.15 JACKSON FLINT (nap).	
4.45 Miss Mirror.	4.45 Miss Mirror.	
5.15 Precentor.	5.15 Cronk's Courage.	

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.15 Amatorial. 4.15 JACKSON FLINT (nap). 4.45 Miss Mirror.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 5.15 VINTAGE TYPE.

COURSE RECORD FOR TODAY'S RACES

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hill 9-10-0 ..... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F – fell. P – pulled up. U – unseated rider. B – brought down. S – slipped up. R – refused. D – disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J H jumps. F H flat. (B – blinkers. V – visor. H – hood. E – Eyeshield. C – course winner. D – distance winner. CD – course and distance winner. BF – beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F – firm, good to firm, hard. G – good. S – soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: FIRM DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.15 WHITELANE APPRENTICE SERIES ROUND 4 HANDICAP (£2,511: 5f) (12 runners)

1	(10)	000132	MAID WELCOME 6 (B,CD,F) (S Roots) Mrs N Macauley 4-10-0	S Turner	96
2	(3)	413041	CATHERINES WELL 3 (D,F,B,S) (R Cox) M W Easterby 8-9-12 (6ex)	P A Johnson	96
3	(1)	031240-	SAMSON-AGONISTES 321 (CD,F,G) (J Smith) B McMahon 5-9-7	S Sanders (4)	95
4	(7)	51003	TONGUE TIED 15 (D,F) (Mrs R Watson) Mrs J Ramsden 3-8-13	J Weaver	93
5	(8)	305030	WAVERLEY STAR 7 (B,D,F) (S Pedersen) J Wainwright 6-8-10	G Parkin	93
6	(11)	532330	MINIZEN MUSIC 7 (D,F) (M Britain) M Britain 3-8-8	D Wright (4)	96
7	(2)	025234	SAINT SYSTEMS 15 (D,F,G,S) (C Hill) C Hill 5-8-8	A Tucker	97
8	(6)	0-54582	FURIELLA 3 (W Hall) P Haslam 3-8-2	Nicola Haworth (4)	99
9	(12)	200500	IMITATE 19 (B,S) (Mrs J Chapman) D Chapman 3-8-1	O Pears	96
10	(9)	052408	JIVE MUSIC 32 (B,D,G) (N Bycroft) N Bycroft 5-7-11	F Norton	92
11	(4)	000000	STRIP CARTOON 36 (B) (Mrs I Pryce) S Bowring 3-7-9	KH Beeching	89
12	(5)	020400	ORATEL FLYER 7 (V) (P Hughes Construction Ltd) R Thompson 4-7-9	K Rutter	96

BETTING: 7-2 Maid Welcome, 6-1 Catherines Well, Saint Systems, 7-1 Tongue Tied, Furiella, 10-1 Samson-Agonistes, 12-1 Minizen Music, 14-1 Waverley Star, Jive Music, 20-1 others.

1990: SAMSON-AGONISTES 4-9-1 S Sanders (10-1) B McMahon 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

MAID WELCOME hd 2nd to Mace Meharanee at Redcar (6f, good to firm). CATHERINES WELL beat FURIELLA (8lb better off) ½l at Ripon (8f, firm); previously 2l 4th of 17 to The Right Time at Ripon (5f, good to firm) with WAVERLEY STAR (6lb better off) 5l 7th, MINIZEN MUSIC (7lb better off) 4l 10th and ORATEL FLYER 14th.

TONGUE TIED 3½l 3rd of 5 to Doublova in a claiming race at Hamilton (6f, firm). MINIZEN MUSIC beat King Victor ½l at Carlisle (5f, good to firm) in June with IMITATE (15lb better off) another 9½ 5th. SAINT SYSTEMS 2¾l 4th of 15 to Lady's Mantle at Windsor (5f, good to firm).

Selection: FURIELLA

2.45 TIMEFORM RACECARD SELLING STAKES (£2,858: 1m 2f 6yd) (13 runners)

1	(2)	00-0000	EMPEROR CHANG 10 (B,G) (Mrs B Faschino) B McMahon 4-8-7	M Birch	—
2	(3)	046	TEA ROSE 5 (D,G) (Full Circle G Plc) N Tinkler 4-8-2	Kim Tinkler	80
3	(4)	000040	BELL TURRET 6 (D,G) (G Simpson) A Potts 4-8-0	D Biggs (5)	87
4	(9)	30-0000	STATION EXPRESS 8 (F) (M Rowles) R Hollinshead 3-8-0	S Perks	88
5	(6)	064620	PORT SODERICK 5 (V) (J Rookes) A Harrison 4-8-0	K Darley	83
6	(7)	600050	MRS SKINNER 24 (Mrs N Fisher) Mrs P Barker 4-8-4	S Webster	80
7	(5)	454650	SCIACCA 8 (Mrs A Barwick) S Mellor 4-8-4	Dana Mellor	86
8	(8)		SEAN'S SCHOLAR (B Horsewood) C Allen 4-8-4	G Forster (7)	—
9	(12)	0-32160	LADY BARAKA 13 (D,G) (K Moorcroft) J Pearce 3-8-2	D Holland	99
10	(1)	00-0200	MALINDI BAY 10 (Mrs J Lowle) S McMath 3-8-2	S Crossley	96
11	(10)	00-0	MISS CARANGE 15 (C Hill) C Hill 3-7-11	J Quinn	—
12	(11)	000-000	PATSY'S PET 48 (M Rozenbroek) T Fairhurst 3-7-11	J Fanning (5)	95
13	(13)	0050	TENDER VISION 24 (C Wilson) R Whitaker 3-7-11	Dale Gibson	94

BETTING: 2-1 Lady Baraka, 9-2 Tender Vision, 5-1 Patsy's Pet, 11-2 Port Soderick, 12-1 Malindi Bay, 14-1 Sciacca, 16-1 others.

1990: TOPCLIFFE 3-7-10 G Hind (9-2) D Morley 16 ran

FORM FOCUS

BELL TURRET 6l 4th to Dancing Monarch at Redcar (1m 1f, good) on penultimate start with PORT SODERICK (62lb better off) 31½l 6th. PORT SODERICK 21½l 2nd of 3 to No Hard Feelings at Hamilton (1m 3f, firm) on penultimate start. SCIACCA 11l 6th of 19 to Tara's Delight at Wolverhampton (1m 1f, good) with STATION EXPRESS 12th. LADY BARAKA beat Dazegari 2l at Yarmouth (1m 2f, good) in July; latest 17l 8th of 12 to Fancy Me at Yarmouth (1m 3f 101yd, firm). MALINDI BAY 1½l 2nd of 15 to Jolizal at Leicester (1m, good) in July.

Selection: LADY BARAKA

3.15 TIMEFORM NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £4,932: 1m 4yd) (15 runners)

1	(10)	050851	WATCH ME GO 20 (F) (121 Racing Club) B Jones 9-7	A Mercer	91
2	(7)	2415	TRIAL TIMES 25 (Times of Wigan) W O'Gorman 9-5	L Dettori	88
3	(6)	251	AMATORIAL 22 (F) (Lord Derby) M Prescott 9-2	G Duffield	88
4	(5)	054144	WINGED WHISPER 19 (F) (Stars & Stripes Partnership) C Thornton 8-2	J Fanning (5)	89
5	(14)	446225	RIBBONAIRE 10 (I Lochhead) M Tompkins 8-11	R Hills	92
6	(13)	2311113	BATABANOO 8 (F) (P Savill) Mrs G Reveley 8-9	K Darley	91
7	(15)	01450	RED FOR DANGER 8 (BF,G) (J Daniels) A Denson 8-6	M Roberts	99
8	(8)	200	NICELY THANKS 45 (W Spink) T Barron 8-7	Alex Greaves	95
9	(11)	0250	LITTLE IVOR 25 (R Parker) Denys Smith 8-6	L Charnock	89
10	(12)	02060-	HOT PUNCH 20 (Mrs C Calver) P Calver 8-4	A Culhane	90
11	(2)	535155	BETWEEN TWO FIRES 24 (F) (J Clayton) J Berry 8-0	J Quinn	89
12	(4)	5540	MISS NARNIA 28 (Mrs J Gibbin) B Ellison 7-13	F Norton (5)	87
13	(9)	604342	SPOUT HOUSE 19 (B) (Lady Murless) M H Easterby 7-11	S Maloney (5)	89
14	(1)	50358-N	THE GAME 31 (A Sotronicu) Miss A Whitfield 7-9	Dale Gibson	97
15	(3)	64340	MAROWINS 22 (V) (Whitehills Syndicate) M O'Neill 7-8	J Lowe	95

BETTING: 5-1 Amatorial, 13-2 Batabanoo, 7-1 Watch Me Go, 8-1 Winged Whisper, 9-1 Spout House, 10-1 Trial Times, 12-1 Red For Danger, 14-1 Ribbonaire, 16-1 others.

1990: GREEN'S TRILOGY 9-4 A Munro (14-1) W Jarvis 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

WATCH ME GO beat Witches Coven 3½l at Beverley (7f 100yd, good to firm) with HOT PUNCH (10lb better off) a further 8½l back in 8th. TRIAL TIMES beat Kilmelford a nk at Southwell (AW, 7f) on penultimate start. AMATORIAL beat Amadeus Ace 4l in a Thirsk (7f, firm) maiden. RIBBONAIRE ½l 2nd to Balleya By Name at Ripon (6f, good to firm) penultimate start. BATABANOO beat Danny Kane nk at Redcar (7f, firm) in July with SPOUT HOUSE (7lb better off) 4l 3rd, and completed treble when beating Phil-Man ½l over the same course and distance (good to firm); latest 4½l 3rd to Mrs Fisher at Newcastle (7f, good to firm). BETWEEN TWO FIRES beat Phil-Man 2½l at Beverley (7f 100yd, firm). SPOUT HOUSE 10l 2nd to Bassio at Beverley (7f, firm) with WINGED WHISPER (2lb better off) 2½l 4th.

Selection: WATCH ME GO (nap)

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
B Hills	8	33	24.2	D Holland	4	11	36.4
W O'Gorman	5	21	23.8	L Dettori	6	27	22.2
J Berry	18	91	19.8	J Carroll	17	95	17.9
M Prescott	3	17	17.6	Paul Eddery	8	47	17.0
J J O'Neill	3	17	17.6	K Darley	20	128	15.6
M Tompkins	12	76	15.8	G Husband	4	27	14.8

3.45 TIMEFORM FUTURITY (2-Y-O: £4,045: 6f) (13 runners)

1	(6)	611053	COMBINATION 31 (CD,F,G) (D Thompson) Mrs J Ramsden 9-3	A Munro	99
2	(4)	120	CORALS DREAM 74 (C,S) (Mrs C Hanson) J J O'Neill 9-3	K Fallon	92
3	(3)	41	EURO FESTIVAL 15 (D,F) (C Pitou) Miss L Siddall 9-3	K Darley	93
4	(9)	216	ROCKY WATERS 89 (D,F) (K Higson) Denys Smith 9-3	B Rouse	88
5	(12)	14	TAMIM 75 (F) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 9-3	R Hills	86
6	(1)	131	BALTRA 24 (D,G) (H Kinkel) B Hills 8-12	D Holland	93
7	(2)	12634	MY JERSEY PEARL 31 (G) (T Brasher) J Berry 8-12	J Carroll	89
8	(5)	2	BLAKE END 31 (Tarndown Ltd) W O'Gorman 8-11	L Dettori	92
9	(10)	08	FERDIA 80 (N Sweeney) R Hollinshead 8-11	S Perks	—
10	(11)	35	HOLIDAY ISLAND 89 (Mrs L Wong) C Britain 8-11	M Roberts	78
11	(6)	0	TRADERS DREAM 45 (C Mamer) T Thomson Jones 8-11	S Whitworth	—
12	(7)		TEN HIGH (Ballacor Stud) B Ellison 8-6	Dean McKeown	—
13	(13)	555	THE DREAM MAKER 66 (R Dixon) Ron Thompson 8-6	J Lowe	67

BETTING: 3-1 Combination, 9-2 Baltra, 5-1 Euro Festival, 7-1 Blake End, 8-1 Tamim, 10-1 Corals Dream, Rocky Waters, 16-1 others.

1990: TIMELESS TIMES 9-8 A Munro (11-2) W O'Gorman 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

COMBINATION 3½l 3rd to Swing Low in Newmarket (6f, good) nursery. CORALS DREAM 1l 2nd to Sylvan Sabre at York (6f, good to firm) on penultimate start. EURO FESTIVAL beat Balacles Per 5l in Hamilton maiden (6f, firm). TAMIM 5½l 5th to Magic Ring in group III Norfolk Stakes at Ascot (6f, good). BALTRA beat Walking On Water 3½l at Lingfield (6f, good). BLAKE END bd 2nd to Sunday's Hill in Newmarket (6f, good) maiden.

Selection: BALTRA

4.15 PHIL BULL TROPHY (£3,460: 2m 1f 216yd) (5 runners)

1	(3)	111100-	VOLCANIC DANCER 155J (G) (G Kent) J Mackie 5-9-2	G Carter	—
2	(2)	8	MOTHERS DAY MAGIC 47 (B Sale) J Dooler 5-8-6	J Carroll	—
3	(1)	1035	FARSI 14 (G) (J Bower) R Hollinshead 3-8-1	G Hind	85
4	(5)	10114	JACKSON FLINT 14 (F,G) (Mrs H Jones) H Thomson Jones 3-8-1	R Hills	99
5	(4)	16-3334	STRIKE FIRE 17 (B,F,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) P Cole 3-8-1	C Rutter	97

BETTING: 11-10 Jackson Flint, 7-4 Strike Fire, 9-2 Facal, 14-1 Volcanic Dancer, 25-1 Mothers Day Magic.

1990: ACCESS SKI 3-8-1 M.Roberts (11-8) R Boss 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

FARSI 3½l 3rd to Green Lane in Beverley (2m, firm) handicap on penultimate start. JACKSON FLINT 5½l 4th to Michaletti in York handicap (1m 8f, good) with FARSI (14lb worse off) 8½l 6th; previously won Redcar (1m 6f, firm) handicap by 1l from Vain Prince. STRIKE FIRE 6½l 4th to City Solace in Newbury (1m 4f, good to firm) handicap; previously 5½l 3rd to Jendali in listed race at Newmarket (1m 7f, good to firm).

Selection: STRIKE FIRE

4.45 TIMEFORM PERSPECTIVE HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,931: 1m 4yd) (16 runners)

1	(4)	000252	CHATHAM ISLAND 12 (BF) (Exors of G Hughes) C Britain 9-7	M Roberts	95
2	(5)	400360	CARNBREA CUDDY 10 (F) (Mrs S Crompton) J Scargill 9-4	B Crossley	90
3	(3)	3300-6	CAVEAT VENDOR 15 (Hambleton 1989 Pkg) W Pearce 9-3	D Nicholls	94
4	(11)	11-5000	GO TALLY-HO 15 (F) (Mrs C Barry) J J O'Neill 9-3	A Culhane	95
5	(2)	008500	STAR NEWS 24 (C,F) (Sheffield Newspapers Ltd) M Tompkins 9-0	R Hills	88
6	(13)	5-54	MISS MIRROR 19 (Mrs M Bassett) W Haggas 8-13	M Hills	93
7	(10)	255801	SHIMMERING SCARLET 21 (F) (T Cox) T Barron 8-13	Alex Greaves	93
8	(14)	45-0400	DOUBLE ECHO 17 (Mrs J Lee) J Bethell 8-13	A Munro	89
9	(9)	0100012	TENDRESSE 8 (BF,F) (C Hill) C Hill 8-8	A Tucker	90
10	(12)	000321	TYRIAN PURPLE 19 (D) (Ryewold Ltd) R Hollinshead 8-5	M Humphries (7)	97
11	(8)	0-0600	THORN GODDESS 29 (A McArdle) M Ellerby 8-2	K Fallon	85
12	(1)	002306	UNASSUMING 10 (C,D,F,S) (K Wheldon) Mrs J Ramsden 7-13	J Lowe	97
13	(6)	000-455	OWLANDISH 29 (J Hall) M O'Neill 7-12	J Quinn	97
14	(16)	044100	ROBINS RETURN 28 (D,F) (A Golding) Denys Smith 7-10	D Holland	91
15	(15)	480-	LISALEE 441 (J Parker) J Parker 7-7	J Fanning (5)	—
16	(7)	66000	NEVER CRY WOLF 8 (D Chatterley) L Codd 7-7	A Mackay	—

Long handicap: Lisalee 7-2, Never Cry Wolf 6-8.

BETTING: 7-2 Miss Mirror, 6-1 Unassuming, 7-1 Double Echo, 8-1 Chatham Island, 10-1 Owlandish, Tyrian Purple, Shimmering Scarlet, 12-1 Tendresse, 14-1 others.

1990: SI SAWAT 8-0 J Lowe (16-1) M Avison 20 ran.

FORM FOCUS

CHATHAM ISLAND 2½l 2nd to China Sky at Yarmouth (1m, firm). MISS MIRROR 5l 4th to Anasi in Beverley (1m 2f, firm) maiden. SHIMMERING SCARLET beat Silver Concord 1½l at Catterick (7f, good to firm). TENDRESSE 1½l 2nd to Prepare at Warwick (7f, good to firm); previously beat Shaka Town ½l in apprentice event at Salisbury (7f, good to firm). TYRIAN PURPLE beat Jet Pet 2l at Southwell (AW, 1m). UNASSUMING 8½l 6th to Charly Pharly in apprentices' race at Newcastle (1m, good to firm).

Selection: TENDRESSE

5.15 TIMEFORM HANDICAP (£2,616: 6f) (14 runners)

1	(13)	520344	ABLE JET 6 (B,F,S) (S Roots) Mrs N Macauley 3-10-0	S Turner (7)	93
2	(5)	001850	DARAKAH 24 (D,F,G) (C Hill) C Hill 4-9-13	A Tucker (5)	98
3	(10)	084025	CRONK'S COURAGE 21 (B,D,BF,F,S) (Cronk Garages) G Lewis 5-9-12	Paul Eddery	97
4	(8)	1040-00	SENTIMENTALITY 101 (G) (Mrs G Maloney) R Hollinshead 3-9-1	G Husband (5)	90
5	(1)	000010	NEVADA MIX 8 (D,F,G) (Miss L Perratt) Miss L Perratt 7-9-1	J Carroll	96
6	(3)	020000	VINTAGE TYPE 19 (F) (E Stockdale) D Chapman 4-8-0	J Carroll	99
7	(6)	55-5333	PRECENTOR 20 (B,CD,F) (Lord Westbury) J Bethell 5-8-12	A Munro	91
8	(4)	000450	GODSCHARM 35 (F) (M Britain) M Britain 3-8-12	S Maloney (5)	94
9	(9)	020064	HENRY WILL 3 (D,F,G,S) (G Leggott) T Fairhurst 7-8-11	J Fanning (5)	88
10	(14)	4550P3	BESSIE SURTEES 4 (B) (J Brown) T Barron 3-8-9	Alex Greaves	91
11	(12)	105622	BEAUMONT'S KEEP 28 (BF,F) (K Wheldon) Mrs J Ramsden 5-8-7	Dean McKeown	95
12	(2)	044150	BILL MOON 25 (BF,F) (P Felden) P Felden 5-8-5	Emma O'Gorman (5)	98
13	(7)	00-0005	HOT TOOTSIE 22 (C,D,F,G) (Mrs G Cooke) J Balding 4-7-12	L Charnock	—
14	(11)	000020	GODS GIFT 8 (D Ivory) K Ivory 3-7-12	N Kennedy (5)	94

BETTING: 5-1 Beaumont's Keep, 6-1 Cronks Courage, 7-1 Precentor, Godscharm, 8-1 Able Jet, 10-1 Henry Will, Nevada Mix, 12-1 Darakah, 14-1 others.

1990: PRECENTOR 4-8-2 A Munro (9-2 fav) J Bethell 17 ran

FORM FOCUS

ABLE JET 3l 4th to Mace Meharanee at Redcar (6f, good to firm). CRONK'S COURAGE 2l 2nd to Easy Line at Newmarket (6f, good) on penultimate start. NEVADA MIX beat Sully's Choice 2½l in Hamilton handicap (6f, firm) on penultimate start. PRECENTOR 3l 3rd to Balgay at Salisbury (5f, firm). HENRY WILL 4½l 4th to Catherines Well at Ripon (6f, firm). BESSIE SURTEES ¾l 3rd to Miss Kive at Thirsk (6f, good to firm). BEAUMONT'S KEEP ½l 2nd to Sully's Choice at Pontefract (6f, good to firm). BILL MOON 2½l 7th of 22 to Vilanika at Redcar (7f, good to firm).

Selection: BESSIE SURTEES

Piggott keeps them all guessing again

By CHRISTOPHER GOULDING

LESTER Piggott is playing the waiting game again. Owners and trainers have been left in the dark as to what he will or will not ride in the St Leger on Saturday week, or whether he will instead partner In The Groove in the Irish Champion Stakes the same afternoon at Leopardstown.

Charles St George, owner of St Leger hopeful Micheletti, is as perplexed as anyone. "I really don't know if Lester will be riding for me," St George said yesterday. "I'm just hoping he will."

Piggott, with a record 29 classic winners to his name, would be seeking a ninth victory in the season's final classic. St George will be chasing a second St Leger success with Micheletti, whose half-brother, Michelozzo, carried the owner's colours to victory in 1989.

Piggott's name has also been linked with Corrupt following the news that Pat Eddery has been claimed to ride Toulon for Khaled Abdulla.

A decision on whether Piggott will team up with In The Groove should be known later this week. David Elsworth, her trainer, has discussed the matter with the 25-year-old jockey and is awaiting his reply.

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John Sanderson, Doncaster's clerk of the course, was yesterday trying to persuade other trainers to supplement their horses. "At the moment there are two possibles — Fly Away Soon and Supreme Choice," Sanderson said.

Classic winner warm order for big sprint

MYSTIKO, the 2,000 Guineas winner, was yesterday heavily backed to make a successful return to six furlongs in the Ladbroke Sprint Cup at Haydock Park on Saturday (Phil McLennan writes).

Clive Brittain's colt, who has disappointed in the Derby and the Sussex Stakes since his classic triumph, was cut from 7-1 to 5-1 by the sponsors after heavy support.

Mystiko has not raced over six furlongs since last season, when his sole success from three starts came over Saturday's trip at Newmarket.

With Keen Hunter a doubtful runner and Lycius likely to miss the race in favour of Sunday's Prix du Moulin, Ladbrokes have shaved their joint-favourites, Shadayid and Sheikh Albadou, half a point to 5-2.

LATEST BETTING: Ladbrokes: 5-2 Shadayid, Sheikh Albadou, 7-2 Ebio, 5-1 Mystiko, 10-1 Polar Falcon, 20-1 Shelford, Kazoo, 33-1 Amigo Menor. Tote: 5-2 Sheikh Albadou, 3-1 Shadayid, 9-2 Ebio, 6-1 Keen Hunter, 7-1 Mystiko, 9-1 Polar Falcon, 20-1 Shelford, 25-1 Kazoo, 33-1 Amigo Menor.

Martell to take over the National

From DICK HINDER, COGNAC, FRANCE

JUMP racing was given a £4 million shot in the arm yesterday with the news that Martell, the French-based brandy firm, is to take over sponsorship of the Grand National from its parent company, Seagram Distillers.

The deal has secured the future of the world's most famous steeplechase for the next seven years with an option to continue sponsorship until 2003. The race will be known as the Martell Grand National from next year.

Announcing details of the package at Martell's headquarters in Cognac, yesterday, Ivan Straker, non-executive chairman of Seagram, said: "The time has come for a change to focus more attention on one of our main product brands. After all, the name Seagram is not associated with any of our market brands in Europe."

Seagram rescued the race at the eleventh hour in 1984 when Aintree, not for the first time, looked doomed and has supported the meeting every year since.

Last season, they were rewarded with one of the most fortuitous publicity boosts in the history of sporting sponsorship when Seagram, trained by David Barons, won the Seagram Grand National.

Peter Greenall, chairman of Aintree, welcomed the deal. "It is a major boost for racing, and for sport in general," he said. "Racing has had some financial difficulties of late, but everyone will take heart with this huge vote of confidence from a company of international status."

The three-day Aintree festival, which opens next year on April 2, will be entirely sponsored by Martell and other Seagram brands.

Patrick Martell, president du directoire of Martell, said: "Like the National, Martell has a rich history. We look forward to an exciting future together and hope to help attract runners from this side of the Channel."

RESULTS

Nottingham

Going: good to firm with firm patches

2.00 (6f 15yd) 1, FREEWHEEL (L Dettori, 10-1); 2, Our Newmarket Correspondent's pet (2-1); 3, Rose Indien (A Cruz, 14-1); 3, Merryhill Madam (J Williams, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 13-8 fav Gumaldrass (5th); 2 Action Print, 14 Soul Trader, 20 Noble's Sunset, 25 relum, 14 Soul Trader, 20 Noble's Sunset, 25 Killador, Riskmoney, Speedo Movement, Jillycross, 33 Darling Miss Daisy, Evening Glows, La Dame Bonita (4th), Last Orders, Run With Baileys, Scale Mistro, Virginia Cottage, 50 Chelsey Heights, Cloggette, Crosker, Feryal, Scottish Park, Treasure Time (6th). 24 ran. NR: Baldera Bullet. 6l, 1½l, hd, ¾l, 3½l. L Cumani at Newmarket. Tote: £8.30; £2.40, £3.50, £4.80. DF: £65.80. CSF: £87.35.

2.30 (1m 54yd) 1, BLAKE'S TREASURE (C Rutter, 20-1); 2, Avishayes (Dean McKeown, 8-1); 3, May Square (W R Swinburn, 9-1); 4, Sandmoor Denim (Kiri Beeching, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 100-30 fav Brother Ray, 8 Great Hand, 10 Sir Arthur Hobbs, 12 Keen Vision, Gibbet, 14 Disco (5th), Juvenara, Come Home Alone, Persian Dynasty (6th), 16 Blues Balder, Castle Maid, 20 Dodgy, Our Slimbridge, 25 High Degree, 33 Pretty Poppy, 50 Buscacoppits. 20 ran. Nk, 2½l, 5l, nk, 4l. T Thomson Jones at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £37.00; £12.70, £2.20, £2.30, £3.60. DF: £292.50. CSF: £181.56. Tricast: £1311.37.

3.00 (1m 54yd) 1, KING'S LOCH (W Ryan, 12-1); 2, Bold Stroke (W Carson, 6-1); 3, Green's Colourist (T Quinn, 3-1 fav). ALSO RAN: 4 Cautionary Tale (4th), 7 Goldenlime Pilot (5th), Otej, 14 Island Blade, 16 In The Picture, Yencora, 20 Safe Builder, 25 Pinkfield, Inco Classic (6th), Lightning Track, Mustadd, Nasser, Newton Point, Texan Hopper, 50 Brotherlyaffection. 16 ran. 5l, hd, ¾l, 2l, 1½l. H Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £4.50; £1.70, £1.20, £1.80. DF: £9.10. CSF: £35.69.

3.30 (1m 54yd) 1, CARTEL (L Dettori, 10-1); 2, Miss Sharpo (J Reid, 5-1); 3, Quinta Royale (T Quinn, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 2 fav Capital Bond (6th), 11-2 Head Turner (4th), 6 Dalpingo, 10 Zaola, 12 Greenhills Lad, In The Print, 14 Double Melt, 20 Dona-Beat-Boy, 25 La Pareet, 33 Brighill, Sarallyn, 50 Against The Flow (6th). 15 ran. 2l, 2l, 3l, 1½l, 2l. J Harris at Melton Mowbray. Tote: £8.80; £2.80, £2.50, £3.20. DF: £15.10. CSF: £65.43.

4.00 (1m 1f 213yd) 1, DUC DE BERRY (R Cochrane, 8-1); 2, Safa (S Cauthen, 11-8); 3, Rudimentary (W Ryan, 10-11 fav). ALSO RAN: 25 Law Chambers (4th), 100 Just A Memory (5th), 200 La Mazarey (6th). 6 ran. ¾l, 1l, 20l, 3½l, dist. G Harwood at Pulborough. Tote: £9.60; £2.60, £1.40. DF: £4.20. CSF: £18.49.

4.30 (1m 3f 15yd) 1, PUNCH THE AIR (N Day, 3-1 fav); 2, Derry Reef (J Lowe, 9-1); 3, Wotsmorna (N Adams, 16-1); 4, Checkpoint Charlie (Antoinette Armes, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 8 Dodger Dickins, 10 Sure Pride, Turnerio, War Beat (6th), Lodging, Carly-B, 11 Dancing Tudor, 20 Rovinis, Cosmic Ray, Astrabee, 33 Golden Display, Rocky Romance (5th), Eden's Dawn. 17 ran. Sh hd, 3½l, 2l, ¾l, ¾l. W Haggas at Newmarket. Tote: £5.00; £1.50, £3.00, £5.60, £1.70. DF: £23.10. CSF: £32.92. Tricast: £368.46.

5.00 (5f 13yd) 1, PARADISE FORUM (A Munro, 9-2; Mandarin's nap); 2, Gymorak Tycoon (M Birch, 7-2); 3, Petite-D-Argent (W Carson, 3-1 fav). ALSO RAN: 7 It's Only Money (6th), 8 Miss Shadowfax, 10 Miss Sherri (5th), 14 Aca-Girl, Brummel, Creche (4th), 16 Swanslide, 10 ran. NR: Hasby Lass. Nk, sh hd, nk, 3l, 4l. Lord Huntingdon at West Ilsley. Tote: £5.10; £2.20, £1.30, £1.10. DF: £15.20. CSF: £20.68. Tricast: £51.25.

Placepot: £162.10.

Hexham

Going: hard

2.15 (2m hdle) 1, BAHRAIN QUEEN (Mr M Ranger, 100-30); 2, Travel Myth (P Niven, 11-10 fav); 3, Star's Lady (S Turner, 100-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 Kansel (4th), 14 What A Card (5th), 25 Golden Revene (6th). 6 ran. 11¼l, 2l, 31½l, 2l, 30l. C Smith at Wellingore. Tote: £4.70; £1.10, £1.10. DF: £3.20. CSF: £7.07.

2.45 (2m ch) 1, STAY AWAKE (M Dwyer, 2-5 fav); 2, Dancing River (C Grant, 5-2); 3, Nicoridge (Mr S Lyons, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 12 Vantard (4th). 4 ran. 11½l, 15l, 4l. J J O'Neill at Penrith. Tote: £1.40. DF: £1.40. CSF: £1.81.

3.15 (3m hdle) 1, EMERITUS (T Reed, 2-5 fav); 2, Bluebell Track (R Garritty, 9-2); 3, Young Murphy (A Merrigan, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 8 Alfa Warrior (pu), 14 Master Matthew (4th). 5 ran. 20l, dist, dist. W Bentley at Middleham. Tote: £1.70; £1.50, £1.10. DF: £1.80. CSF: £2.76.

3.45 (2m 4f hdle) 1, SOLITARY REAPER (W Marston, 11-8 fav); 2, Ace Of Diamonds (B Storey, 13-8); 3, Dalmore (R Garritty, 5-2). 5 ran. NR: Back Before Dark. 8l, 1l. C Beever at Stenton. Tote: £2.50. DF: £1.30. CSF: £3.58.

4.15 (2m 4f ch) 1, PEACEWORK (P Niven, 8-1); 2, Speech (C Grant, 15-8 fav); 3, Direct Interest (G McCourt, 5-2). ALSO RAN: 7 Down

As cricket's county championship approaches its climax, one club must resolve a meatier bone of contention

Leading questions dog Lancashire

By ALAN LEE
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

AS JULY dawned, eight turbulent weeks ago, the talk of a grand slam could no longer be suppressed around Old Trafford. Lancashire, the biggest and best-supported county club, were the strongest, too. Nothing was beyond them. Nothing, however, is precisely what they have ended up with from a season which has spawned dismay on the field, disquiet in the dressing-room, and disaffection among the membership.

Lancashire have 14,000 members, by far the most of any county. Their turnover last year exceeded £2 million. They have six Test players, a large office staff and a high-powered committee. They are to cricket what their neighbours, Manchester United, are to football, and unexpected failure is not gladly suffered.

The rumblings from Old Trafford have been heard around the cricket circuit in recent weeks, and if all rumours were to be believed they would have four captains for next season, including a wild-card candidate in Christopher Cowdrey, and every senior player would be about to leave.

It is, of course, not that bad. Not quite. The time of reckoning is close. Tomorrow, Lancashire's committee convenes for what might have been a jolly, back-slapping meeting, a chance to reflect, perhaps, on the club's first outright championship for 57 years. Instead, it must take delicate, unenviable decisions to resurrect lost ambitions, restore the harmony of the players and faith of the supporters.

It will be a test of strength and judgment for the chairman, Bob Bennett, who explains: "We have a passionate membership and there has been a lot of pressure to win things. Now we are under intense pressure, locally, to take decisions, but we cannot allow ourselves to rush. This is an important time and, although we are all disappointed by the season, 15 other counties would like to have reached a cup final."

Tomorrow's agenda includes the retained list, and the future of some senior players who may be considered liabilities in terms of form, fitness or influence. It does not include the most taxing issue of all, the club captaincy, but that is certain to be debated. So, too, is a new managerial structure which, I understand, will create a post for David Hughes, whose five renaissance years as captain have not had the bountiful end which seemed likely.



DeFreitas: disappointing



Hughes: highly valued

Within the plan, Hughes will become the team manager next season, in charge of all first XI affairs, a guru for young talent such as John Crawley, Titchard and Martin. The club values his influence so highly that Alan Ormrod, the coach, will be moved sideways to oversee all the county's cricket, and will cease to travel with the championship side.

Hughes, aged 44, is the central character in what has become a Lancastrian soap opera, a cricketing *Coronation Street*. His supporters date the county's demise back to the day when he left himself out of the Benson and Hedges Cup final. His denigrators nominate the day on which he decided to stay on as captain.

With two knockout cups won, last September would have been an easy moment to take the plaudits and go. "The club asked me to do another year," Hughes explained. Equally, friends within the team advised him to step down. Paul Allott was one who believed it was time for a change, and relations between him and Hughes have been strained this season.

Allott, a force within the dressing-room, is considering a move to Durham but Graeme Fowler, another overlooked for the captaincy, will not follow him. He is in his benefit year and wants to stay at Old Trafford. Fowler, however, is 34, with a chronic neck injury, and has gone 21 innings without a first-class fifty. Because he is not seen as leadership material, his future within a transitional side is in question.

Lancashire need an overseas player for next year, when Wasim Akram will be with Pakistan. There are those, however, who question Akram's attitude – dubiously, if based on his 25 wickets during four consecutive championship wins in June, but pertinently on his seven wickets in the second half of the season, his persistent injuries, and the conduct which earned him a £1,000 fine at a time when the behaviour of the entire Lancashire side was under scrutiny.

Then there is Phil DeFreitas, whose immense progress as a Test bowler has not always been reflected in his returns for his county. He is not the first England fast bowler to give the impression of engaging neutral gear between Tests, but his occasional tendency to sulk and posture is the last thing Lancashire need.

What they have most lacked, however, is strong and settled leadership. Hughes has not played since making nought at Uxbridge in July, and that match will be his last. Significantly, it was also the last championship match Lancashire won, and Neil Fairbrother has since had a problem of acceptance and authority.

It has been a difficult time for Fairbrother and he has not convinced many that he is a natural captain. But Bennett is insistent that Michael Atherton will be protected from what he calls "the most burdensome job" in county cricket, "until he attains his full playing potential".

Discount Fowler and Allott, and Fairbrother, who retains the important support of Hughes, is certain to be appointed. Unless, that is, the club brings in an outsider. Cowdrey has been mentioned persistently, a link denied by all parties. The truth behind all the murky speculation will soon be known and, for a club of stature lacking a sense of united purpose, the sooner the better.

Injury rules out Malcolm from Derbyshire attack

By MARCUS WILLIAMS

ESSEX and Derbyshire, second and third respectively in the Britannic Assurance county championship, meet at Chelmsford today in a match that should help to settle the destiny of the title. Each of them has a game in hand on the leaders, Warwickshire, who hold a 13-point advantage but are without a fixture today. Now that September has arrived, play will start at 10.30.

Derbyshire will again be without Malcolm because of his shoulder injury. He will thus be denied the chance to impress Gooch, the Essex and England captain before the party is selected next week for the winter tour and the World Cup. Mortensen returns for Derbyshire after missing the big win over Leicestershire.

By coincidence, Surrey and Hampshire, who meet in the NatWest Trophy final on Saturday, are also in opposition today. Waqar Younis, the key figure in Surrey's attack, needs eight wickets to become the first bowler to take a hundred first-class wickets in a season since Franklyn Stephenson in 1988.

Mathematically at least, Surrey have a chance of winning the championship, as do Nottinghamshire, who expect to have Robinson back to lead them against Middlesex after back problems.

Another pursuing a target is Cook, of Somerset, who has a maximum of six innings in which to score 499 runs to reach 3,000, last achieved by another adopted West Countryman, Ealey, 30 years ago.

☐ Kent have released Tony Merrick, the Antiguan bowler.

☐ Yorkshire beat Essex by five wickets in the final of the Tetley festival trophy at Scarborough.

SCORES: Essex 242 for 7 (50 overs) (M A Garnham 81 not out, J P Stephenson 57); Yorkshire 243 for 5 (48.1 overs) (D Byas 84 not out).

LEADING POSITIONS

	P	W	L	D	Bt	Bl	Pts
Warwickshire ..	20	9	4	7	52	58	254
Essex	19	8	5	6	55	55	241
Derbyshire	19	8	4	7	42	63	223
Surrey	19	7	4	8	41	57	210
Notts	19	6	4	9	53	60	209

Remaining matches

WARWICKSHIRE: Sep 10: Northamptonshire (Edgbaston). Sep 17: Somerset (Taunton).
ESSEX: Today: Derbyshire (Chelmsford). Sep 10: Leicestershire (Leicester). Sep 17: Middlesex (Chelmsford).
DERBYSHIRE: Today: Essex (Chelmsford). Sep 10: Nottinghamshire (Derby). Sep 17: Yorkshire (Chesterfield).
SURREY: Today: Surrey v Hampshire (The Oval). Sep 10: Middlesex (Lord's). Sep 17: Lancashire (Old Trafford).
NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: Today: Middlesex (Trent Bridge). Sep 10: Derbyshire (Derby). Sep 17: Worcestershire (Trent Bridge).

RUGBY UNION

Soviet tour party benefit from British generosity

By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE dream of Soviet rugby players to appear at Twickenham remains intact this week, despite recent events in their own country – but it is a dream with distinctly hard edges. For the Soviets, sport is inextricably linked with business and their leading officials regard the two-match visit in that light.

Today the Soviets play a Combined London Old Boys (CLOB) XV at Croxley Green as a warm-up for their first meeting with a senior England XV on Saturday. In the meantime, such notables as Andrei Konovalov, a member of Mr Gorbachev's advisory committee as well as a leading advocate of free enterprise and vice-president of the Soviet Rugby Federation, expects to address a CBI conference in London to emphasise the benefits of trade with the Soviet Union.

The players have already benefited from the generosity of British business: shortly before the abortive coup in Moscow a five-year deal with an international sportswear company fell through, leaving the team as short of equipment as they were on their recent tour of New Zealand. However, McNab Sport Ltd from Kinross have made good the deficit for a playing party younger than that which visited England two years ago for a tour which ended in an 18-10 defeat by an England B XV.

"The players were very upset at the thought that the tour might not take place," Sergei Molchanov, aged 24, the captain, said yesterday at Lensbury. "But what happened after the coup was good not only for rugby, but for people all over the country."

Molchanov, a physical education teacher, led the team that lost 56-6 to a New Zealand XV in Hamilton ten weeks ago, but the Soviet Union won half their eight games on tour – a reflection of their recent record in the FIRA tournament, when they beat Spain and Romania, but lost to France and Italy.

The Soviet federation hopes to make more overseas trips but also to persuade foreign countries and clubs to tour their country, not only to develop their own techniques, but to stave off any threat from rugby league which has won a foothold in the Soviet Union over the last year.

The touring party of 26 includes eight players from Krasnoyarsk in Siberia, the champion club. Their appearance at the Old Merchant Taylors ground this evening represents the most important game in the twenty-year-history of the CLOB.

The Rugby Football Union is anticipating a crowd of 15,000 for Saturday's game with an England XV at Twickenham. Tickets will be available on the day for a match, which will not earn caps for England players.

"The aim of our visit is not political but to make close sporting contacts," Yuli Andreichev, of the USSR federation, said. "We would like to show the excitement, the emotion and the pain of our country not on the streets as in recent weeks but on the rugby pitch."

CLOB: P Ashworth (Alleyniens); N Dickins (Gaytonians), P Mensah (Millfieldians), K Cook (Old Blues), A Maxwell (Old Blues); C Pugh (Edwardians), J Jenner (Judds), J Simpson (Old Blues, captain), J McPherson (Alleyniens), E Dollman (Alleyniens), J Hammond (Mid-Whigtifians), R Bidder (Old Blues), A Vrani (Colfeians), D Tutt (Mid-Whigtifians), K Morgan (Alleyniens).

Scotland deprived of injured Milne

By DAVID HANDS

SCOTLAND, chastened by their 18-12 defeat against Romania in Bucharest at the weekend, but not deterred from their pre-World Cup plans, will introduce the remainder of their squad at Murrayfield on Saturday when they play the Barbarians. The only squad member who will not have played is David Milne, the Heriot's FP prop forward, who has a back injury. However, both his brothers, Iain and Kenny, will take part.

Wales will make their final preparations this evening at Cardiff Arms Park for tomorrow's meeting with France, hoping to clear injury doubts over Robert Jones, who has groin strain, and Mike Griffiths, suffering a problem with his toe.

SCOTLAND: G Hastings (Watsonians); A Stanger (Hawick), S Hastings (Watsonians), G Shiel (Melrose), M Moncrieff (Gala); C Chalmers (Melrose), G Oliver (Hawick), D Sole (Edinburgh Academicals, capt), K Milne, I Milne (both Heriot's FP), J Jeffrey (Kelso), C Gray (Nottingham), G Weir (Melrose), F Calder (Stewart's-Melville FP), G Marshall (Selkirk). Replacements: P Dods (Gala), D Wyllie (Stewart's-Melville FP), G Armstrong (Jedforest), D White, P Burnell (London Scottish), J Allan (Edinburgh Academicals).

☐ Fran Clough, the Wasps and former England centre, will lead London against Munster at the London Irish ground on September 14.

LONDON TEAM (Wasps unless stated): A Buzza; D Hopley, F Clough (captain), J Buckton (Saracens), S Pilgrim; A Challenor (Harlequins), S Bates; G Holmes, D Barnett (Rosslyn Park), A Mullins (Harlequins), D Ryan, R Kinsey, S O'Leary, M Rigby, R Langhorn (Harlequins).



The jaws of victory: Edberg's backhand is a winner against Chang in a match that failed to enrapture New Yorkers

Cold fish in need of mustard

SHOWDOWN IN NEW YORK

COMPARING the US Open tennis to Wimbledon is rather like comparing baseball to cricket. It is an intriguing but ultimately barren occupation: in the end they have nothing in common at all. They are completely different games.

This is the tournament where Connors and McEnroe stand as giants. They are New York's idea of what a tennis player should be: spitting, fighting, brawling, heart-on-sleeve performers. When pricked, they bleed. When upset they scream. When glad they punch the air. They share everything with the crowd: in match after match, you see them emotionally stark-naked in front of you.

On Sunday night, I watched a match of great beauty, and great intensity. It was at times as intense as anything Connors and McEnroe can come up with. But it is the wrong kind of intensity for New York. Stefan Edberg beat Michael Chang 7-6, 7-5, 6-3. It was the battle of inscrutables.

The night matches at the US Open are wonderful. The Stadium Court is one of the ugliest buildings in sport, but it is charged with atmosphere. And that counts double at night. But it is a place for the stronger emotions: for the most scrutable players. It is a theatre where *Titus Andronicus* goes better than *Measure for Measure*.

The match between Chang and Edberg was enjoyed by the New York crowd, but not treasured. The trouble is that both the players are cold fish. Chang even has a collection of tropical fish. His press-box nickname is "Guppy". In New York, they prefer something with a bit more mustard on it.

Edberg is such an odd spectacle in this environment. He wears his bewildered Buster Keaton look even in triumph. He would look out of place in Stockholm, or even Fulham, were he lives. In New York, he is far more a fish out of water than the guppy.

He is a great contradiction here. At Wimbledon he is adored, because he is so handsome. But Flushing Meadow is short on schoolgirls, long on people looking for a snarling, brawling tennis match. Edberg baffles them, as they baffle him. He looks an innocent victim in New York: you constantly expect some atavistic New York spirit to carry him off. In *King Kong*, he would be Fay Wray.

All the same, Edberg, like Chang, has made a career out of looking deceptive. Both adopt guppy's clothing: both are sharks underneath. At present, Chang is a basking shark who may, or may not, fulfil his potential of terrorising neighbourhoods. Edberg looks like a guppy, but in his heart, he is Jaws.

Chang is a fascinating player to watch. He is a cunning, thoughtful counter-puncher with whiplash reactions. At one point against Edberg, he returned a full-blooded Edberg smash on the half-volley. He is sneaky. Big men can be bluff, open-hearted good chaps. Little guys must be nasty. Chang is always scheming to stick a finger in his opponent's eye.

And every time he falls over he gets back up again. Unless your kill-shot is inch-perfect, it will not kill: the little schemer has got it back again. Chang's game is revealed by his extraordinary figures, which come courtesy of the Great American Killer Stats Machine: in 12 five-set matches he has played professionally he has won ten.

Chang managed two things you would have thought impossible: he made Edberg look clumsy, and he made Edberg look like a bully. Even, at times, a rather ineffectual one. But Edberg's power won the day. After the first two sets had taken two hours and six minutes, he went into a feeding frenzy and gobbled Chang up in half an hour. Jaws swims boldly onward, smiling apologetically as he does so.

US OPEN TENNIS RESULTS

US unless stated; seeded players in capitals

Men's singles

FOURTH ROUND: M STICH (Ger) bt D Rostagno, 6-2, 3-6, 6-1, 7-6; J Sánchez (Sp) bt G Markus (Arg), 6-4, 6-2, 6-3; J LENDL (Cz) bt G IVANISEVIC (Yug), 7-5, 6-7, 6-4, 6-2; S EDBERG (Swe) bt M CHANG, 7-6, 7-5, 6-3; P SAMPRAS bt D WHEATON, 3-6, 6-2, 6-2, 6-4; P Haarhuis (Neth) bt C-U Steeb (Ger), 6-2, 6-3, 6-4.

Men's doubles

THIRD ROUND: K FLACH and R SEGUSO bt A Gómez (Ec) and E Sánchez (Sp), 6-0, 6-3; M Lucena and B O Pedersen (Nor) bt P Korda and K Novacek (Cz), 6-3, 3-6, 6-2; T WOODBRIDGE and M WOODFORDE (Aus) bt H-J Davids and J Ettingh (Neth), 6-4, 6-2; J FITZGERALD (Aus) and A JARRYD (Swe) bt C Beckman and S Salumaa (US), 6-3, 3-6, 6-4; S DeVries (US) and D MacPherson (Aus) bt J FRANA (Arg) and L LAVALLE (Mex), 6-7, 7-6, 6-3; S DAVIS and D PATE bt L Pimek (Cz) and P Wekese (Ken), 6-3, 6-4.

Women's singles

FOURTH ROUND: J CAPRIATI bt J Durie (GB), 6-1, 6-2; M SELES (Yug) bt R Reichrtova (Cz), 6-1, 6-1, 6-1; G Fernandez (P Rico) bt R Zrubakova (Cz), 6-2, 6-2; G SABATINI (Arg) bt J NOVOTNA (Cz), 6-4, 7-5.

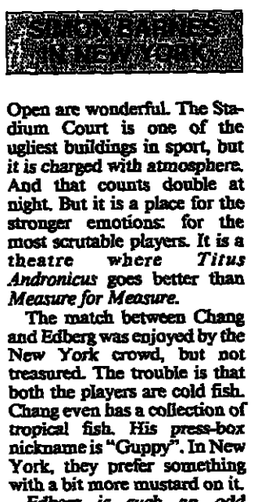
Women's doubles

SECOND ROUND: M J Fernandez and Z Garrison bt K Godridge and K Radford (Aus), 6-3, 6-0; A Sánchez Vicario (Sp) and H Sukova (Cz) bt I Demongeot (Fr) and C Martinez (Sp), 6-4, 6-1.

THIRD ROUND: S COLLINS and R McQUILLAN (Aus) bt Tami and Teri Whittinger, 6-1, 3-6, 8-0; J NOVOTNA (Cz) and L SAVCHENKO (USSR) bt M L Daniels (US) and L Gregory (SA), 6-4, 6-2; Y Basuki (Indo) and J Durie (GB) bt N TAUZIAT (Fr) and J WIESNER (Austria), 6-2, 3-6, 6-1.

Mixed doubles

SECOND ROUND: A Sánchez Vicario and E Sánchez (Sp) bt E Pfaff (Ger) and N Brown (GB), 6-0, 7-5; N PROVIS and T WOODBRIDGE (Aus) bt L Savchenko (USSR) and S Salumaa, 6-4, 6-3.



Lendl: reached last eight

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BOXING

Regan banks on the sensible approach

ROBBIE Regan, who makes the first defence of his British flyweight title tonight, has maintained a level-head approach to the profession since capturing the championship in his seventh bout.

The Welshman, aged 23, who takes on Francis Ampofo at Cardiff's National Sports Centre, turned down the chance to challenge for the European title on the grounds that he needed more experience.

His chance to face Salvatore Fannis for the European title in Italy came soon after he defeated the Scot, Joe Kelly, to claim the vacant British crown last May. He said he would prefer, instead, to concentrate on winning a Lonsdale Belt outright and gaining the necessary know how.

Having outboxed and knocked down Michele Poddighe in Italy before being given a draw, Regan realises that his career, at least for the meantime, will be far better served in home rings.

Experience has also taught him to invest in superior footwear to get through his tough roadwork schedule over the Brecon Beacons. Blisters troubled him during the preparation for the Kelly bout, flared up in the later rounds and reduced his mobility, but he managed to stay out of trouble.

The unbeaten Regan defeated Ampofo, winning the second professional contest for each man by only half a point. Regan learned that Ampofo can hurt with his big right and has sparred with featherweights and lightweights to get accustomed to taking a solid shot on the chin. Regan's jab will make him favourite.

ICE HOCKEY

Pirates in troubled waters at outset

By NORMAN DE MESQUITA

FOUR months ago, Rocky Saganuik was named premier division coach of the year and his Peterborough Pirates were in the final of the Heineken championships. In contrast the Norwich and Peterborough Pirates (their new sponsored name) started this season with two double-figure defeats.

It was obvious in Nottingham on Saturday that Saganuik has a tough task replacing Kenny McDonald and Dean Edmiston.

Nottingham Panthers, their young and exciting talent a year older and more experienced, should be among the front-runners.

Gord Jeffrey, who coached the Romford Raiders to their most successful season last year, has similar problems to those confronting Saganuik in that he has lost a key player in Mark Budz and will be hard pressed to replace him.

RESULTS: Autumn Cup: Ayr Raiders 7, Whitley Warriors 6; Cardiff Devils 8, Romford Raiders 4; Fife Flyers 11, Durham Wasps 5; Nottingham Panthers 12, Norwich and Peterborough Pirates 5; Slough Jets 7, Solihull Barons 6; Billingham Bombers 1, Nottingham Panthers 10; Durham Wasps 10, Whitley Warriors 7; Humberside Seahawks 11, Norwich and Peterborough Pirates 5; Murrayfield Racers 9, Fife Flyers 8; Romford Raiders 3, Slough Jets 7; Solihull Barons 5, Bracknell Bees 12. Autumn Trophy: Oxford City Stars 7, Basingstoke Beavers 11.

SQUASH RACKETS

Payne's place assured

From COLIN MCQUILLAN
IN HONG KONG

COLIN Payne, of Kent, yesterday defeated Sunny Poon, of Hong Kong, 15-3, 15-2, 15-6 in a 16-minute qualifying final to reach the 32-man main draw of the Cathay Pacific Hong Kong Open championship.

Rodney Martin, the world champion, still ranked only fifth on the new world list issued yesterday by the International Squash Players' Association, is likely to meet Jansher Khan, the world No. 1 from whom he took the title last month, in the quarter-finals.

Mark Maclean, of Scotland, is the only European in the top ten. Behind him in the next ten are six Englishmen packing up for future assault upon the leading international group.

LEADING RANKINGS: 1, Jansher Khan (Pak); 2, Jahangir Khan (Pak); 3, C Robertson (Aus); 4, C Dittmar (Aus); 5, R Martin (Aus); 6, B Martin (Aus); 7, R Normen (NZ); 8, T Nancarrow (Aus); 9, R Eyles (Aus), 10, M Maclean (Scot), Others: 11, A Davies (Wales); 14, D Harris (Eng); 15, S Parke (Eng); 18, B Beeson (Eng); 17, P Marshall (Eng); 18, C Walker (Eng); 20, J Nicolle (Eng).

TODAY'S FIXTURES

CRICKET

Britannic Assurance county championship

10.30, 110 overs minimum

BRISTOL: Gloucestershire v Northamptonshire.
CHELMSFORD: Essex v Derbyshire
HOVE: Sussex v Kent
SCARBOROUGH: Yorkshire v Lancashire
THE OVAL: Surrey v Hampshire.
TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire v Middlesex.
WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Somerset.

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Derby: Derbyshire v Hampshire Harrow: Middlesex v Glamorgan. Horsham: Sussex v Gloucestershire

FOOTBALL

7.30 unless stated

Barclays League
First division

Everton v Norwich
Leeds v Arsenal (7.45)
Notts County v Sheffield Wed (7.45).
Oldham v Coventry
Sheffield Utd v Chelsea
Wimbledon v Manchester Utd (8.00)

Second division

Barnsley v Watford (7.45)
Cambridge Utd v Southend (all ticket, 7.45)
Ipswich v Swindon (7.45)
Portsmouth v Sunderland (7.45)
Tranmere v Charlton
Wolverhampton v Port Vale

Third division

Bury v Peterborough
Darlington v Bolton
Fulham v West Bromwich
Hartlepool v Brentford
Hull v Birmingham
Leyton Orient v Bradford (7.45)
Preston v Bournemouth
Swansea v Reading
Wigan v Stockport

Fourth division

Burnley v Chesterfield
Carlisle v Rotherham
Crewe v Aldershot
Mansfield v Wrexham
Northampton v Doncaster
Scunthorpe v Scarborough
Walsall v Rochdale (7.45)
York v Blackpool

GM Vauxhall Conference

Altrincham v Barrow
Macclesfield v Telford

Bob Lord Trophy
First round, first leg

Bath v Slough
Famborough v Yeovil
Northwich v Stafford
Redbridge Forest v Boston

SKOL CUP
Fourth round

Aldrine v Celtic
Ayr v Hibernian
Dunfermline v Dundee Utd

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Marlow v Wokingham; Sutton Utd v Carshalton; Windsor and Eton v Hayes; Woking v Bromley. First division: Aveley v Chalfont St Peter; Dorking v Maidenhead Utd; Dulwich v Yeading; Heybridge Swifts v Croydon, Walton and Hersham v Leyton Wingate, Wembley v Molesey; Whyteleafe v Boreham Wood. Second division: Egham v Newbury; Leatherhead v Southall. League Cup: Preliminary round: Hornchurch v Lewes, Epsom and Ewell v Rainham

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Buxton v Southport; Chorley v Fleetwood; Gainsborough v Hyde; Goole v Droylsden; Matlock v Leek; Moseley v Bangor City; Shepshed v Frickley; Stalybridge v Marine. First division: Bridlington Town v Harrogate; Knowsley v Rossendale; Netherfield v Radcliffe Borough

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Bromsgrove v Gloucester; Crawley Town v Fisher; Dorchester v Waterlooville (7.45); Dover v Chelmsford (7.45); Gravesend v Cambridge City; Moor Green v Halesowen. Midland division: Bedworth Utd v Sutton Coldfield; Newport AFC v Bilston; Stroud v Redditch. Southern division: Andover v Weymouth; Sittingbourne v Margate.

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: Charlton v Portsmouth (7.00); Reading v Southampton (2.00); Watford v Wimbledon; West Ham v Swindon (2.00).

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Great Yarmouth v Felixstowe; Harwich and Parkeston v Stowmarket; Lowestoft v Watton; Wroxham v Norwich.

NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Blyth Spartans v Tow Law; Ferryhill Athletic v West Auckland; Gretna v Murton; Northallerton v Whickham.

CLIFTON STOCKBROKERS LEAGUE: Exeter City v Swansea City.

RUGBY UNION

Tour match

Combined London Old Boys v USSR (at Croxley Green, 6.00)

CLUB MATCHES: Ayr v West Of Scotland (7.30); Sale v Moseley (7.30); South West v Ulster (at Exeter, 7.00).

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: County match: Barclays Bank v Sussex (at Norbury)

BOXING: British flyweight: Robbie Regan v Francis Ampofo (National Sports Centre, Cardiff).

HANG GLIDING: Bleriot Cup (Yorkshire Dales).

POLO: Guards Autumn Tournament (Guards, Windsor).

YACHTING: World team race championship (Torquay).

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FOOTBALL

Roxburgh springs a rare surprise by including Ferguson

By RODDY FORSYTH

SO confined are Andy Roxburgh's options when it comes to selecting a Scotland squad that it is rare for him to be able to come up with a name which has not already been pencilled in by the Scottish public, never mind football writers. However, he managed the feat yesterday with the inclusion of the Rangers midfield player, Ian Ferguson, in the 22-strong squad named by Roxburgh for Scotland's crucial European championship qualifying match with Switzerland in Berne a week tomorrow.

Ferguson, whose susceptibility to injury and illness led the former Rangers manager, Graeme Souness, to describe him as "probably the unluckiest player I have ever known", last appeared for Scotland in the 2-0 victory over France in a World Cup qualifying tie at Hampden Park in March 1989.

Yesterday, Roxburgh said of Ferguson: "He's in very good condition now, the best shape he has been in for years. He was a very promising young prospect for us and the last match he played in, against the French, saw him play very well in a game which was probably Scotland's best performance in the past few years. In fact, France haven't lost since, which is rather significant, I think.

"We're short in midfield, having lost McStay and McInally through injury, and so it is good to be able to reinforce a department which is a bit thin at the moment, especially since he likes to attack."

There was a place, too, for Ferguson's Rangers colleague, Ally McCoist, who has not been a starter in the first team this season, because of a combination of his own injuries and the good form of Mark Hateley. It is not the first time McCoist has been selected for his country while he has taken the understudy's role at Ibrox.

"I am concerned that Alastair hasn't started a competitive match this season, but I'm not concerned about him as a squad player because he's already shown us again with Rangers this season that he can come off the bench, look sharp and score," Roxburgh said. "I would be more worried if he doesn't start for Rangers in their next two matches and that would mean we would have to think very carefully about him as someone who would be in our line-up when we kick-off in Switzerland."

For once, though, Scotland are reasonably endowed with forwards in form, and Roxburgh is happy that Gordon Durie, of Tottenham Hotspur, has made a successful transition after his recent move from Chelsea, while the recall of Maurice Johnston, whose last appearance was against Brazil in the World Cup finals, provides a welcome supplement of experience.

SCOTLAND SQUAD: A Goram (Rangers), B Gunn (Norwich City), H Smith (Heart of Midlothian); S McKimmie (Aberdeen), M Malpas (Dundee United), S Nicol (Liverpool), R Gough (Rangers), G Gillespie (Celtic), D McPherson (Heart of Midlothian), T Boyd (Chelsea), J Collins (Celtic), G McAllister (Leeds United), McCall (Rangers), G Strachan (Leeds United), B McClair (Manchester United), M MacLeod (Hibernian), I Ferguson (Rangers), G Durie (Tottenham Hotspur), K Gallacher (Coventry City), M Johnston (Rangers), A McCoist (Rangers), J Robertson (Heart of Midlothian).

SCOTLAND UNDER-21 SQUAD: S Booth (Aberdeen), A Cleland (Dundee United), G Creaney (Celtic), S Dennis (Raith Rovers), D Ferguson (Dundee United), S Fulton (Celtic), S Gemmill (Nottingham Forest), E Jess (Aberdeen), P Lambert (St Mirren), A McLaren (Heart of Midlothian), N McWhirter (St Mirren), P Matthews (Dundee), W Miller (Hibernian), P O'Donnell (Motherwell), A Rae (Millwall), S Robertson (Rangers), J Spencer (Rangers), S Sweeney (Clydebank), M Watt (Aberdeen), S Wright (Aberdeen).

Bingham adopts a resolute stand

By IAN ROSS

BILLY Bingham, the Northern Ireland manager, unashamedly placed a desire for discipline at the head of his list of priorities yesterday when he named his squad for their European championship qualifying game against the Faeroe Islands in Lanskrona, Sweden, next Wednesday.

By declining to include Anton Rogan, the Celtic full back, in his 17-strong party, Bingham was re-emphasising his uncompromising stance on behaviour, both on and off the pitch.

Rogan, by Bingham's own admission one of Northern Ireland's more accomplished players, was omitted from the squad for the game against the Faeroe Islands in Belfast in May after a display of penulance during the match against Yugoslavia in Belgrade five weeks earlier. Bingham is clearly unconvinced that the young defender has heeded numerous warnings about his conduct.

Bingham has available most of his key players for a game which will have no bearing on who qualifies from group four, but one which is of no little significance in terms of national pride following the Faeroes' resolute performance during the course of a 1-1 draw at Windsor Park. Dowie, who recently completed a move to Southampton, is expected to travel with the squad despite concern about his fitness. O'Neill, of Dundee United, is recalled after a two-match absence.

Uefa ruled that the game must be staged on neutral soil after an objection by Yugoslavia, who insisted that a precedent had been set when the Faeroes' game against Austria, in September of last year, was moved to Sweden.

SQUAD: P Kee (Oxford United), T Wright (Newcastle United), M Donaghy (Manchester United), C Hill (Sheffield United), A McDonald (Queen's Park Rangers), G Taggart (Barnsley), N Worthington (Sheffield Wednesday), D Wilson (Sheffield Wednesday), J Maguire (Oxford United), K Wilson (Chelsea), R Dennison (Wolverhampton Wanderers), S Morrow (Portsmouth), S Fairclough (Tottenham Hotspur), J Quinn (Swindon Town), C Nicholl (Southampton), M Hughes (Manchester United), A Dowie (Southampton), I O'Neill (Dundee United).

Blackburn dismiss Mackay

By IAN ROSS

THE football season claimed its first managerial casualties yesterday when Don Mackay was dismissed by Blackburn Rovers and Graham Carr resigned from Maidstone United.

Bill Fox, the Blackburn chairman who is also president of the Football League, said that Mackay's contract had been terminated because of the club's poor start to the season. Rovers are fourth from bottom of the second division after failing to win any of their opening three League fixtures.

"Blackburn Rovers has been my life, but that has now been taken away from me," Mackay said. "I am disappointed because it is a blow to my pride but I am not bitter. I still think that the board are wrong to have taken this action."

Mackay paid the penalty for his failure to buy instant success although he spent over £2.3 million made available to him by Jack Walker, the club's majority shareholder, on new players over the past 12 months.

Tony Parkes, Mackay's assistant, has been placed in charge of first-team affairs but speculation was mounting yesterday that Kenny Dalglish, the former Liverpool manager, would be invited to fill the vacant post within the next 48 hours.

Carr's departure from Maidstone followed the fourth division side's failure to score in its opening five matches of the season. But the chairman, Jim Thompson, said: "The club and Graham want to make it clear that the decision was entirely his."

Carr cited "personal reasons" for his resignation. Bill Williams general manager takes over the running of the team for the time being.

☐ Paul Walsh, the Tottenham Hotspur forward, was yesterday suspended and banned from the club, fined the maximum two weeks' wages and placed on the transfer list following a weekend altercation with Ray Clemence, the reserve team manager.

Walsh, aged 28, reacted angrily after being substituted by Clemence during the second half of Tottenham reserves' 2-1 victory against Charlton.

☐ Garry Parker who has lost his place in Nottingham Forest's midfield, has been placed on the transfer list at his own request.

☐ Ronnie Whelan became the eighth member of Liverpool's senior squad to be affected by injury this season when he entered hopital yesterday for a cartilage operation.

☐ Kenny Sansom, the Coventry City full back, faces an ankle operation which will rule him out at least until Christmas.

☐ ENGLAND UNDER-21 (v Germany, Scunthorpe, September 10): D James (Watford), I Walker (Tottenham Hotspur); J Dodd (Southampton), P Warhurst (Sheffield Wednesday), C Vinnicombe (Rangers), A Wright (Blackpool), G Ord (Sunderland), C Tiler (Nottingham Forest), J Gundy (Chelsea), D Matthew (Chelsea), J Ebbrell (Everton), D Hillier (Arsenal), M Blake (Aston Villa), P Williams (Derby), M Draper (Notts County), A Shearer (Southampton), K Campbell (Arsenal), I Olney (Aston Villa), P Kitson (Leicester), T Johnson (Notts County), S McManaman (Liverpool), Rod Wallace (Leeds United).

Leng takes the path to recovery at last

By JENNY MCCARTHUR

THIS is a poignant week for Virginia Leng. On Friday in Ireland, the British three-day event team will attempt to retain the European title that she has helped win on the last three occasions. Leng, three times the individual champion, will not be present. Having been in every championship team since 1981, which is a record, like her three titles, she is down on her luck.

The downturn in her golden career started after she won her third successive European championship, on Master Craftsman, two years ago. She did not win again until June of this year. In 1990, a foot injury kept the brilliant thoroughbred gelding out of Badminton and the world championships.

In a decision she now regrets, Leng chose to defend her world title, won in Gawler, Australia, in 1986, on the ill-fated Griffin, whom she got in exchange for Murphy Himself in a deal with Ian Stark. It was an uneven swap, and Murphy was too strong for Leng. While Stark won the world individual silver medal on Murphy, Leng was unceremoniously buried at fence 24. Not having Master Craftsman to defend her title, which she had won on Priceless, was more significant than she realised.

This year was supposed to start a fresh chapter, but, on the eve of Badminton, Master Craftsman knocked a fetlock in the stable and was withdrawn. In July, after three months' rest, he came back into work. Four weeks later, Leng broke her ankle in a fall from Welton Chit Chat.

If, as Mark Phillips avers, you create your own luck, Leng and her team (her mother, Heather Holgate, and her trainer, Dorothy Willis) have shown formidable powers for ten years. They have systematically produced world beaters. Priceless, Night Cap, Murphy Himself and Master Craftsman have all won a top championship or three-day event.

Although Leng suffered setbacks early in her career, like the one in 1977 she nearly lost her left arm in a fall, the 1980s were littered with success. Since her first European championship in Denmark in 1981, where her courageous path-finding round paved the way for the team gold, she has won Badminton twice, Burghley five times, those three European team and individual titles, the world team and individual titles, two Olympic team silver medals and two Olympic individual bronze medals.

There might have been more. Malcolm Wallace, chef d'équipe until 1984, said: "She, time and time again, sacrificed individual medals for the team effort. I always put her first because she was guaranteed to do the business."

She may now be back in business. Last weekend at Tetbury, she had her first competition since the fall at Shamley Green. Her aim is to take Welton Chit Chat, on which she won Bramham in June, to the Blenheim three-day event at the end of this month. Aged 36, and with most of the sport's leading prizes to her credit, it is, she says, her own will that spurs her on.

"I'm determined to get to Barcelona," she said. "Things have definitely not been going our way for 18 months, but everyone has bad luck at some time and I'm hoping this is my lot."

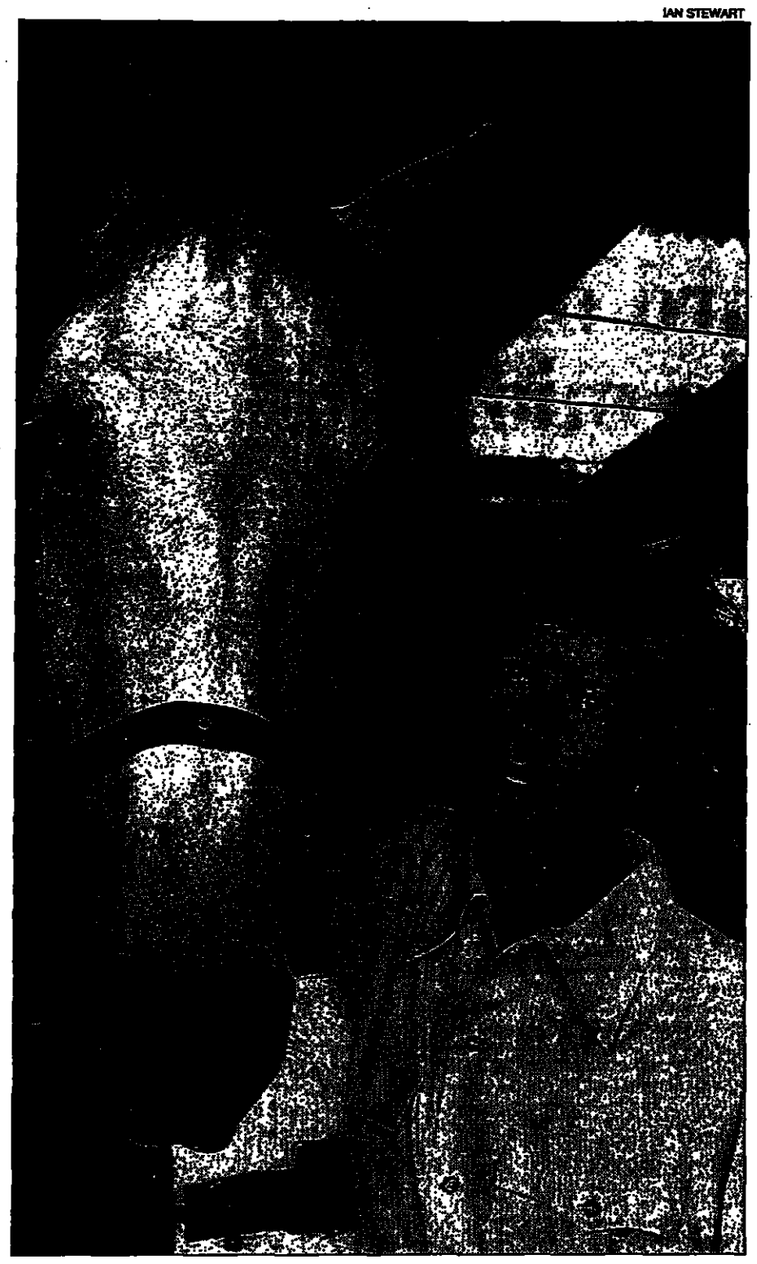
She has not been idle during her enforced rest. While her fellow riders have been undergoing intensive training at Badminton, Leng has had a chance to indulge in some of her other interests. She has been decorating her house in the neighbouring village of Grittleton and taken the unscheduled opportunity of a holiday in Greece with "non-horsey" friends.

"It makes me realise how much you give up in order to keep your career going," she said. She already had some knowledge. Her marriage to Hamish Leng, a financial consultant, foundered after three years. Though the marriage coincided with three of her most successful years (1985 to 1988) and the pair remain close friends, she believes it is "almost impossible" to combine marriage with a career at the top.

However, dedication has its rewards. It is not just her horsemanship which the British team will miss this weekend. Leng's sense of fun and fair play have made her an outstanding ambassador for the sport. When the Polish competitors sought her advice at a championship, she offered to walk the course with them. At a formal party abroad where competitors were reluctant to mix, Leng broke the ice by leading one of the Russian riders into a cossack routine.

"She has made a unique contribution to British eventing for the last decade," Wallace said. "I don't suppose it will ever be equalled." However, though her setbacks give others the chance to indulge in similar retrospection, Leng is looking ahead. While the British team in Ireland attempts to emulate her formidable standards, her own sights are already on 1992. She intends to take Master Craftsman to Badminton. Barcelona would be the next stop.

IAN STEWART



Looking forward: Leng with one of her stable, Luke, is hoping to revive her career

YACHTING

Lammens profits in home waters

By BARRY PICKTHALL

HANK Lammens, the Canadian Olympic Finn sailor, retained his world championship when the Gold Cup series concluded on his home waters at Kingston, Lake Ontario on Sunday.

Stuart Childerley, Britain's top-ranked Finn sailor, finished fifth, pleased with his performance after his six-week break from Olympic training to skipper the RAF's Wings of Oracle in last month's Admiral's Cup.

"I had wanted to warm up in the Canadian Olympic regatta immediatly before the Gold Cup, but I was so tired after the pressures of the Admiral's Cup, I spent much of the first week catching up on my sleep," Childerley said.

In the "very tough" regatta all the competitors counted several bad results. Childerley counted 21st and 23rd, along with three fourth places.

RESULTS: Finn Gold Cup: 1, H Lammens, Can, (1, 2, 17, 9, 3, 46, 1), 46.7pts; 2, B Ledbetter, US, (14, 30, 2, 2, 2, 6, 3), 57.4; 3, O Knopersid, USSR (18, 3, 13, 1, 10, 57, 7), 77.7; 4, F Leet, Swe (42, 1, 7, 4, 1, 5, dnf), 80.7; 5, S Childerley, GB (21, 4, 36, 23, 4, 4, 10), 98. Other British placings: 31, R Lott, 200; 35, T Tawlor, 222; 46, J Parsetone, 288.

☐ Light and fickle winds continued to plague both the International 14 world team racing championship in Torbay and the Merlin Rocket championship at Abersoch, Wales.

Last night the UK White team, led by Tim Robinson and Bruce Grant, remained undefeated in the team championship, while at Abersoch, Adrian Stead crewed by Moz Lawlor, won the re-scheduled first race in the Merlin Rocket championship.

RESULTS: Merlin Rocket championship: Race 1: 1, A Stead and M Lawlor (Parkstone YC); 2, J Bell and S Girven (Hampton SC); 3, M Knott and S Peck (Ranelagh SC); 4, T Shucksmith and J Thompson (Shoreham SC); 5, N Yeoman and G Williamson (Chichester YC). Race 2: 1, P King and K Driver (Bristol Corinthians); 2, N Aubrey and C Rutter (Bolton SC); 3, G and N Scroggie (Parkstone YC); 4, D Butt and R Simpson (Cookham Reach SC); 5, D and S Townend (Hollingworth Lake SC).

POWERBOATING

Spelta pulls out but retains title

ANGELO Spelta, of Italy, retained his European class one offshore title, even though he had to pull out of the seventh and final round of the championship off Guernsey yesterday (Bryan Stiles writes). The race was won by his compatriot, Norberto Ferretti, at an average speed of 103.38mph.

Spelta, in his Isotta Fraschini-powered catamaran, Fresh and Clean, did not manage victory in any of the rounds, but built up a winning advantage with points from minor placings.

Roger Fletcher, of Banbury, captured the Guernsey Gold Cup for the second time in five years, winning yesterday's second heat after finishing as runner-up in the first. Richard Carr, the leader, had to retire.

FOR THE RECORD

FOOTBALL

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: Chelsea 1, Oxford Utd 2; Millwall 1, Fulham 0

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Philadelphia 5, Atlanta 4; Montreal 6, Houston 1; New York 9, Cincinnati 4; St Louis 14, San Francisco 1; Los Angeles 12, Chicago 3; San Diego 7, Pittsburgh 4.

East division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Pittsburgh Pirates	77	52	.597	–
St Louis Cardinals	70	59	.543	7
Chicago Cubs	65	65	.500	12½
New York Mets	64	66	.492	13½
Phila Phillies	63	67	.485	14½
Montreal Expos	53	76	.411	24

West division

Atlanta Braves	72	58	.554	–
LA Dodgers	72	58	.554	–
Cincinnati Reds	64	66	.492	8
San Diego Padres	64	67	.489	8½
San Fran Giants	62	68	.477	10
Houston Astros	53	77	.408	19

AMERICAN LEAGUE: New York 4, Toronto 2; Minnesota 14, Baltimore 3, Chicago 5, Cleveland 1; Milwaukee 3, California 1; Texas 6, Kansas City 4; Detroit 5, Oakland 2; Boston 13, Seattle 2.

East division

Toronto Blue Jays	73	59	.553	–
Detroit Tigers	70	61	.534	2½
Boston Red Sox	67	63	.515	5
Milwaukee Brewers	63	67	.485	9
New York Yankees	59	70	.457	12½
Baltimore Orioles	53	77	.408	19
Cleveland Indians	43	87	.331	29

West division

Minnesota Twins	83	53	.566	–
Oakland A's	71	61	.538	8
Chicago White Sox	70	61	.534	9½
Texas Rangers	68	61	.527	9½
Kansas City Royals	67	62	.519	10½
Seattle Mariners	67	64	.511	11½
California Angels	63	67	.485	15

BOWLS

BATH: EBA Champion of Champions: Semi-finals: A Allcock (Gloucestershire City) bt D Hall (NPL, Paddington), 21-15; J Kelly (Devon Co) bt M Chapman (Sandy Town), 21-20. Final: Allcock bt Kelly, 21-17.

PONTYPRIDD: Welsh Women's National Championships: Four-wood singles: Semi-finals: S Hawkins (Abergavenny Nabil) bt D Cooper (Gilfach), 21-20; B Morgan (Llandrindod) bt J Harris (Saundersfoot), 21-12. Two-wood singles: J Ackland (Penarth Belle Vue) bt M Greenslade (Sophia Gardens, Cardiff), 17-10. Pairs: N Hopkins and J Mills (Porth) bt M Evans and J Ball (Knighton), 27-14. Triples: Llandrindod (Mrs Phelps, Davies) bt Penarth (A Mullins), 29-17. Whitchurch (N Shepperton) bt S Gardens (M Pomeroy), 18-11. Double rink: Porthcawl bt Queen's Road Aberystwyth, 54-24

CRICKET

DARLINGTON BUILDING SOCIETY NORTH YORKSHIRE AND SOUTH DURHAM LEAGUE: Bishop Auckland 192-5, Billingham 145; Darlington RA 148, Blackhall 150-5; Northallerton 189-6, Darlington 195, Gisborough 217-6, Marske 193, Saltburn 246-8, Normanby Hall 153-8, Norton 183-6, Middlesbrough 173-5, Hartlepool 159-6, Redcar 162-1; Thornaby 194-7, Stockton 69.

LEAGUE CRICKET CONFERENCE: Preston's Trophy: Final: Bessesthaw League 204-6, North Yorkshire and South Durham League 205-6

GLIDING

SIDFORD-ON-AVON: UK Junior Class championships: Seventh day: Last Down (1200m Banbury, Worcester: 19 competitors at 28); 1, I Evans (Club Libelle), 100 tkph, 949pts; 2, B Jones (Dacus), 98.7kph, 936; 3, C Ebbs (Dacus), 98 tkph, 931; 4, K Hodgson (522055), 97.1kph, 922. Overall and final (7 days): 1, S Jones, 5,080pts; 2, M Miller-Smith (Dacus), 4,585, 3, S Houlden (LS3-17), 4417 4, P Cronin (Kestrel 19), 4,415, 5, Ebbs, 4,236, 6, Hodgson, 4,227

GOLF

FRANKLIN, Wisconsin: Greater Milwaukee Open: Leading final scores (US unless stated): 270: M Brooks, 63, 67, 70, 70; 271: R Gamez, 61, 68, 74, 70; 274: J Maggert, 65, 65, 71, 73; 276: J Adams, 68, 68, 72, 68; N Lancaster, 67, 66, 73, 70; 277: N Price (Zim), 72, 67, 72, 66; D A Weibring, 67, 67, 72, 71; H Sutton 65, 66, 74, 72; 278: J Mudd, 72, 68, 70, 68; K Green, 70, 5, 70, 69; J Sindelar, 66, 70, 72, 70; J Haas, 67, 70, 70, 71; 279: J Gallagher, 68, 71, 71, 69; R Fehr, 69, 70, 70, 70; S Pate, 67, 67, 74, 71; G Ladehof, 71, 68, 68, 71; M Lye, 68, 65, 73, 75; 280: T Kite, 66, 71, 74, 69; T Sieckmann, 71, 66, 73, 70; D Barr, 69, 66, 73, 72.

INDIANAPOLIS: GTE North Classic: Final scores: 198: G Archer, 65, 66, 67; 200: D Douglass, 66, 67, 67; 204: C C Rodriguez, 68, 69, 67; H Henning, 67, 65, 72; 208: S Hobday, 73, 68, 67; 207: G Littler, 71, 67, 69; L Trevino, 67, 68, 72; 208: J Ferree, 70, 70, 68; A Kelley, 69, 68, 71; L Mowry, 64, 72, 72; 209: T Dill, 67, 74, 68; 209: M Hill, 69, 70, 70; D Eiles, 66, 69, 72; 210: B Crampton, 71, 71, 68; J C Snead, 69, 71, 70; B Baird, 72, 67, 71; B Smith, 67, 71, 72; R Thompson, 72, 67, 71; J Kiefer, 67, 67, 76; 211: C Coody, 69, 69, 73; M Barber, 67, 71, 73; 212: A Palmer, 75, 68, 71; P Moran, 71, 70, 71, J Albus, 71, 70, 71, D January, 69, 71, 73.

SONY WORLD RANKINGS: (US unless stated): 1, I Woosnam (GB), 18.70 pts average; 2, J-M Olazabal (Sp), 16.84; 3, N Faldo (GB), 14.74, 4, G Norman (Aus), 13.03, 5, S Ballesteros (Sp), 12.28; 6, F Stewart, 11.92, 7, P Azinger, 10.97; 8, B Langer (Ger), 10.23; 9, F Couples, 10.09; 10, M McNulty (Zim), 9.04

EQUITY AND LAW TABLE: 1, S Richardson, 338pts; 2, C Montgomerie, 323; 3, M McLean, 317; 4, D Gilford, 314; 5, B Lane, 301; 6, P Teravainen, 300; 7, C Rocca, 289; 8, J Spence, 256; equal 9, P Mitchell and V Singh, 250.

FAIRWOOD PARK, Swansea: Casey Celuform Welsh professional championship: Early leaders: 66: P Mayo. 70: R Barter, J Peters, A Griffiths 72: R Price, C Evans, S Dodd, M Day, G Davies, G Farr, T Morgan, P Affleck.

HOCKEY

CARDIFF: Four-nations international tournament: Wales 0, Pakistan 5; Great Britain 0, Malaysia 1, Great Britain 4, Pakistan 4; Wales 0, Malaysia 5

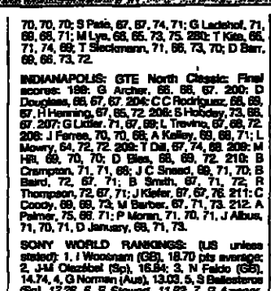
ICE HOCKEY

AUTUMN CUP: Durham Wasps 10, Whitley Warriors 7; Billingham Bombers 1, Nottingham Panthers 10; Romford Raiders 3, Slough Jets 7; Solihull Barons 5, Bracknell Bees 12; Humberside Seahawks 11, Peterborough Pirates 5; Murrayfield Racers 9, Fife Flyers 8.

AUTUMN TROPHY: Oxford City Stars 7, Basingstoke Beavers 11

MOTOR RACING

VANCOUVER: Molson-Indy race (US unless stated): 1, Michael Andretti, Lola-Chevrolet, 100 laps, 93.898 mph; 2, B Rahal, Lola-Chevrolet, 100; 3, A Unser Jr, Lola-Chevrolet, 100; 4, Mario Andretti, Lola-Chevrolet, 98; 5, S Pruett, Truesports-Judd, 99; 6, R Mears, Penske-Chevrolet, 98 Series leaders: 1, Rahal, 157pts; 2, Michael Andretti, 154; 3, Unser, 143; 4, Mears, 125, 5, E Fittipaldi (Br), 92; 6, J Andretti, 88; 7, A Luyendyk (Neth), 85; 8, Pruett, 88; 9, Cheever, 84; 10, Sullivan 52



Julian Snow: doubles win at Oratory School

REAL TENNIS

QUEEN'S CLUB: Somerville and Simpson British junior championships: Under-18: Final: A Scott bt I Ronaldson, 9-0, 8-5. Under-16: Semi-finals: J Derry (Aus) bt N Westoby, 8-1; R Blease bt B Ronaldson, 8-4. Final: Blease bt Derry, 2-6, 6-2, 6-3. Under-14: Final: S Tomlinson bt M Bailey, 8-5. Under-12: Final: S Bailey bt M Ronaldson, 8-7.

ORATORY SCHOOL: Amateur handicap doubles: Quarter-finals: M Beard and C Bagerdley bt R Christmas and J Smithie, 6-4; G Hayward and J Miller bt D Gordon and H Thornton, 8-2; A Page and T Warburg bt M Fairbairns and C Fuente, 5-4; M McMurrough and J Snow bt A Crichton-Miller and R Wright, 6-3. Semi-finals: Hayward and Miller bt Beard and Beardsley, 8-7; Snow and McMurrough bt Page and Warburg, 8-4. Final: Snow and McMurrough bt Hayward and Miller, 8-2.

RIFLE SHOOTING

BISLEY RIFLE CHAMPIONSHIP: 300, 500 and 600 yards: 1, C Hollis, 147.21; 2, R Pool, 146.15; 3, M Boyce, 145.20. 900 and 1,000 yards: 1, Hollis, 137; 2, A O'Dell, 135; 3, K Rathbone, 135. Bullet Lodge Trophy (aggregate): 1, Hollis, 857; 2, Pool, 842; 3, Boyce, 837.

RUGBY UNION

CANADIAN TOUR MATCH: Wales Under-19 38, Canadian Juniors 19 (in Edmonton).

SNOOKER

STOKE: Regal Welsh Open qualifying tournament: Second round: T Wilson (Eng) bt S Meadowcroft (Eng) 5-4. Third round: K Doherty (Ire) bt P Ebdon (Eng) 5-1; D Reis (Eng) bt J Smith (Eng), 5-2; B Gollan (Can) bt M Gibson (Scot), 5-1; J Birch (Eng) bt A Hicks (Eng) 5-1; A Calins (Eng) bt J Wych (Can), 5-2; P Davies (Wales) bt S Duggan (Eng), 5-3; N Dyson (Eng) bt E Sinclair (Scot), 5-4; A McManus (Scot) bt N Price (Eng), 5-2; T Wilson (Eng) bt J Campbell (Aus), 5-2. J Prince (N Ire) bt B Sheadon (Scot), 5-4; D Martin (Eng) bt R Williams (Eng), 5-2; B Morgan (Eng) bt G Miles (Eng) 5-0; M Smith (Eng) bt C Roscoe (Wales), 5-1; T Chappel (Wales) bt S Maskin (Eng), 5-1.

PEARL ASSURANCE BRITISH OPEN: First round: P Wykes (Eng), wo, C Cookson (Eng) scr; T Murphy (N Ire) bt S Kelly (Ire), 5-1; J Rea (Scot) bt S Swinburne (Eng), 5-1; F Bezzi (Eng) bt E Lawler (Eng), 5-3; A Hopkins (N Ire) bt P Gilchrist (Eng), 5-2; D Murphy (Eng) bt M Gibson (Scot), 5-1; J Ferguson (Eng) bt J Long (Ire), 5-2; G Cripsey (Eng) bt S Morris (Eng), 5-3.

TABLE TENNIS

MATSUMOTO, Japan: President's Cup tournament: Men's singles: Final: K Tsuk-soo (S Kor) bt J-O Waldner (Swe), 21-19, 16-21, 21-18, 21-17. Third place: J-P Gatien (Fr) bt M Wenge (China), 21-17, 20-22, 21-18. Women's singles: Final: Yaqing (China) bt C Po Wa (HK), 21-14, 21-18, 21-15. Third place: F Yamashita (Japan) bt O Badescu (Rom), 23-21, 21-19.

WATER SKIING

THURROCK: European Barefoot championships: Team overall: 1, Great Britain, 10,070pts; 2, Belgium, 9,888; 3, South Africa, 9,812. Men's overall: 1, J Nelmen (Bel), 2,985; 2, E Aartsen (Neth) 2,703; 3, B Staghorn (Bel) 2,694, British placings: 5, C Brook, 2,409; 8, R Mainwaring 2,281.6; D Nutt 2,003; 11, D Carpenter, 1,992; 16, B Goggin, 1,830. Men's jumps: 1, B Staghorn (Bel), 38.9m; 2, J Nelmen (Bel) 37.8; 3, G McEwen (SA, 37.8. British placings: 6, B Goggin 36.3, 8, D Nutt 35.7; 9, D Carpenter 17.2. Men's slalom: 1, J Nelmen (Bel), 35.75; 2, E Berger 32.5, 3, R Nurick (SA), 32.0; 4, C Brook (GB), 30.25; 6, R Mainwaring 28.5. Men's tricks: 1, K Heiman (Bel), 8,530; 2, E Aarsen (Neth), 8,340; 3, B Staghorn (Bel), 8,300; 7, R Mainwaring 4,710; 11, C Brook 3,420. Women's overall: 1, M Nupp (GB), 2,522; 2, A Aurell (It), 2,328; 3, J Huyghe (Bel), 2,201; 5, K Harding (GB), 1,737. Women's jump: 1, A Aurell (It), 24.3m; 2, K Harding (GB), 23.7m; 3, J Huyghe (Bel), 22.0m; 5, M Nutt (GB), 18.6m. Women's slalom: 1, M Nutt (GB) 19.75; 2, J Huyghe (Bel), 18.62; 3, E Benelio (It), 10.0; 7, K Harding (GB), 6.25. Women's tricks: 1, M Nutt (GB), 3,000pts; 2, A Aurell (It), 2,470, 3, J Huyghe (Bel), 1520; 8, K Harding (GB), 1,110

MOTOR SPORT

Renault help Mansell

RENAULT is to unveil a new engine that it hopes will give Nigel Mansell a last chance of overtaking Ayrton Senna in the Formula One world motor racing championship.

Code-named RS3B, it will be used in the Williams car during practice on Friday and Saturday for the Italian grand prix at Monza, and it will make its race debut in the Portuguese grand prix two weeks later.

The V10 engine will have a new cylinder head and other design modifications from the previous RS3 engine used by the Williams drivers, Mansell and Riccardo Patrese.

It was tested for two days at Monza last week before being given the go-ahead for full race use by Bernard Dudot, the Renault director. Defeats in grand prix in Hungary and Belgium, after three wins in a row for Mansell, have speeded up the RS3B's introduction.

If Senna wins at Monza, Mansell will lose virtually all hope of winning the drivers' championship.

FOOTBALL

AUSTRIAN LEAGUE: Steyr Gest 1, VSE St Pölten 0; SK Vorwärts Steyr 2, FC Swarovski Tirol 0; Austria/WAC 0, Austria Salzburg 1; Austria Vienna 0, DSV Alpine 1; Admira Wacker 2, Rapid Vienna 0; Vienna FC 0, Stahl Linz 0. Leading positions (after 9 matches): 1, Austria Vienna, 14pts; 2, Austria Salzburg, 13; 3 equal, FC Swarovski Tirol and Stahl Linz, 12.

BELGIAN LEAGUE: Waregem 4, Mechelen 0; Molenbeek 1, Charleroi 0; Aalst 1, Genk 0; Club Brugge 8, Kortrijk 2; Lokeren 1, Ghent 1; Eleren 2, Standard Liège 2. Leading positions: 1, Anderlecht, played 4, 7pts; 2, FC Brugge, 5; 6, Waregem, 4, 6.

BRAZILIAN LEAGUE: Rio de Janeiro championship: First phase: Botafogo 0, Bangu 0; Flamengo 1, Fluminense 0; Portuguesa 1, Americano (Three Rios) 0; Campo Grande 1, America (Rio de Janeiro) 1; Itaperuna 1, Volta Redonda 1; Americano 1, Vasco da Gama 1. Leading positions: 1, Vasco da Gama, 11pts; 2, Fluminense, 8; 3, America (Rio de Janeiro), 7. São Paulo championship: Green group: Mogi Mirim 1, Santos 1; Corinthians 0, Palmeiras 1; XV de Jau 1, Portuguesa 1; Novorizontino 0, Guarani 0; Ferroviaria 3, XV de Piracicaba 0; Ituano 0, Bragantino 1; America 1, Botafogo 1. Leading positions: 1, Guarani, 7pts; 2, Santos, 13; 3 equal, Portuguesa, Palmeiras and Corinthians 12. Yellow group: Juventus 0, Sãocarlense 0; Rio Branco 0, Noroeste 0; São Paulo 2, São Bento 1; Independente 1, Uniao São Joao 0; Santo André 2, Olympico 0; Guaratinguetá 0, Ponte Preta 0; São Jose 0, Marilia 0. Leading positions: 1, São Paulo, 18pts; 2, Independente, 17; equal 3, Sãocarlense and Santo Andre, 14.

DUTCH LEAGUE: VVV Venlo 0, Vitesse Arnhem 5 0; Willem II Tilburg 2, SVV/Dordrecht '90 2; Fortuna Sittard 2, FC Groningen 2; Roda JC Kerkrade 1, FC Volendam 5; Ajax Amsterdam 3, MVV Maastricht 0; Sparta Rotterdam 1, PSV Eindhoven 2; FC Twente Enschede 1, RKC Waalwijk 1; FC Utrecht 2, De Graafschap Doetinchem 0. Leading positions (after 9 matches): 1, PSV Eindhoven, 9pts; 2, Ajax, 8; equal 3, Willem II Tilburg, Vitesse Arnhem, Volendam, RKC Waalwijk, and Roda JC Kerkrade, 6.

GERMAN LEAGUE: VfL Bochum 0, Borussia Dortmund 0; Dynamo Dresden 1, VfB Stuttgart 0; Hansa Rostock 2, Bayer Leverkusen 2; 1, Eintracht Frankfurt 1; Kaiserslautern 3, Nuremberg 0; Cologne 1, Bayern Munich 1; Stuttgarter Kickers 1, Karlsruhe SC 1; Schalke 04 3, Borussia Mönchengladbach 1; Fortuna Düsseldorf 4, SC Wattenscheid 3; Werder Bremen 5, Duisburg 1. Leading pairs: Jena (after 7 matches): 1, Hansa Rostock, 10pts; equal 2, Eintracht Frankfurt, VfB Stuttgart, Kaiserslautern, Hamburger SV and Bayer Leverkusen, 9.

GREEK LEAGUE: Olympiakos 4, AEK Athens 2; Apollon 3, Ethnikos 0; Panahaiki 0, OFI Crete 3; Iraklis 2, Panionios 1; Larissa 1, Doxa Drama 1; Xanthi 0, Ploutos 1; Panserraikos 3, Aiginaikos 1.

HUNGARIAN LEAGUE: Vasszprem 0, BVSC-Mentrarespest 1; Pecsi Mecsek 0, Diosgyor-VTK 0; MTK-VM 2, ZTE 1; Tatabanya 0, Haladas VSE 2; Siofok 1, Vasi Izzo MTE 2; Raba ETO Gyor 3, Videoton-Waitham 0; Ujpest 2, Kispest-Honved 2. Leading positions (after 2 matches): 1, Haladas, 4; 2, Ujpest, 3; 3, Kispest-Honved, 3.

ITALIAN LEAGUE: Ascoli 0, AC Milan 1; Bari 1, Torino 1; Cagliari 3, Sampdoria 2; Genoa 2, Cremonese 0; Internazionale 1, Foggia 1; Juventus 1, Fiorentina 0; Lazio 1, Parma 1; Napoli 1, Atalanta 0; Verona 0, AS Roma 1.

PORTUGUESE LEAGUE: Benfica 2, Vitoria Guimarães 0; Belas Mar 0, Gil Vicente 0; Chaves 0, CS Maritimo 1; Farrenfico 2, Estoril 1; Farense 1, Pacos Ferreira 0; Penafiel 2, Salgueiros 0; Porto 6, Torrecense 0; Uniao Madeira 2, Boavista 0. Leading positions: 1, Chaves, pl 3, 6pts; 2, FC Porto, 2, 4; 3, Vitoria Guimarães, 3, 4.

ROMANIAN LEAGUE: Petrolul Ploesti 2, Corvinul Hunedoara 1; Farul Constanta 1, Electroputere Craiova 1; Sportul Studentesc 1, Dinamo Bucharest 1; FC Arges Pitesti 0, Rapid Bucharest 1; FC Inter Sibiu 1, FC Bacau 1; Universitatea Craiova 1, ASA Electromures 0; Steaua Bucharest 2, FC Brasov 1; Politehnica Timisoara, 4pts; 2, Dinamo Bucharest, 3; 3, FC Bacau, 3.

SPANISH LEAGUE: Athletic Bilbao 0, Sevilla 2; Atletico Madrid 5, Real Europa 0; Barcelona 2, Real Sociedad 0; Cadiz 0, Real Madrid 1; Osasuna 2, Albacete 0; Real Oviedo 0, Real Mallorca 0; Real Valladolid 0, Sporting Gijón 1; Real Zaragoza 1, Español 1; Tenerife 3, Logrones 0; Valencia 2, Deportivo La Coruña 1.

SWISS LEAGUE: FC Zurich 1, Lugano 2; Neuchâtel Xamax 0, Servette 3; FC Sion 1, Grasshopper Zurich 1; Lausanne 0, Lucerne 0; FC Aarau 1, St Gallen 2; Young Boys BSC 4, Wettingen 3. Leading positions (after 9 matches): 1, Lausanne, 14pts; 2, FC Sion, 14; 3, Grasshopper Zurich, 14.

TURKISH LEAGUE: Galatasaray 2, Sarkyer 0; Konyaspor 0, Bursaspor 0; Ankaragucu 2, Gaziantepspor 0; Besiktas 1, Genclerbirligi 1; Adanademirspor 0, Gazianiaspor 1; Trabzonspor 4, Samsunspor 1; Bolusspor 4, Altay 1; Fenerbahce 1, Aydinspor 2.

Merson called up to meet Germany at Wembley

Stewart reaps the reward of his move to midfield

By STUART JONES
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

SINCE eight regular representatives are unavailable for next week's game against Germany at Wembley, Graham Taylor was bound to introduce at least a couple of fresh names when he announced his squad yesterday. Thus Paul Merson and Paul Stewart were named by the England manager, although their inclusion in the squad is tinged with irony.

Neither is renowned for angelic conduct — though Merson's indiscretions have been committed off the pitch — yet they have benefited from the absence not only of the injured but also miscreants such as Nigel Martyn, Steve McMahon and Stuart Pearce. Those three are ruled out because, having been sent off this season, they cannot be selected under the Football Association's disciplinary code.

Taylor, though he regrets their loss, agrees with the policy. "Players are expected to behave well for their clubs as for England," he said. "That would be loose talk if they can still be considered after misbehaving."

Stewart, converted from a rumbustuous centre-forward in to an equally combative midfield player at Tottenham Hotspur, tackles with raw exuberance. Sometimes it is excessive, occasionally illegitimate. In the unlikely event of him playing at Wembley, the Germans would be certain to feel the full force of his competitive instinct.

SQUADS

ENGLAND: C Woods (Sheffield Wednesday), D Seaman (Arsenal), L Dixon (Arsenal), G Charles (Nottingham Forest), D Burrows (Liverpool), A Dorigo (Leeds United), G Pallister (Manchester United), A Adams (Arsenal), P Parker (Manchester United), K Curle (Manchester City), G Thomas (Crystal Palace), D Platt (Bari), T Steven (Marseilles), D Batty (Leeds United), P Stewart (Tottenham Hotspur), N Clough (Nottingham Forest), G Lineker (Tottenham Hotspur), A Smith (Arsenal), P Merson (Arsenal), D Hirst (Sheffield Wednesday), J Salako (Crystal Palace), A Daley (Aston Villa).

GERMANY: B Illgner (Cologne), A Köpke (FC Nürnburg); D Bekeradorfer (Hamburger SV), A Brehme (Internazionale), G Buchwald (VfB Stuttgart), T Helmer (Borussia Dortmund), J Kohler (Juventus), S Reuter (Juventus), U Bein (Eintracht Frankfurt), S Effenberg (Bayern Munich), T Hässler (AS Roma), S Kuntz (Kaiserslautern), L Matthäus (Internazionale), A Möller (Eintracht Frankfurt), M Sammer (VfB Stuttgart), T Doll (AS Roma), J Klinsmann (Internazionale), K-H Riedle (AS Roma), R Völler (AS Roma).

At the age of 26, he joins a midfield that, under Taylor, has shown similar characteristics. Gascoigne was overlooked before his self-inflicted wound, for instance, and Platt has been accompanied by the likes of Batty, McMahon, Geoff Thomas and Wise. All of them are more ebullient than imaginative.

Stewart, as Taylor appreciates, can be fiery. "He has the occasional flashpoint, but he has matured and his move in to midfield has added something to his game. He did particularly well at the end of last season."

Taylor, unconvinced by Stewart's ability eight years ago, did not pick him for the youth squad. As a forward, the heaviness of his touch was evident. Nevertheless, he is built for work in midfield, which sadly, has developed in to a combat zone rather than a creative department.

Merson, Arsenal's outstanding individual this season, is equally versatile. Employed either as Smith's partner or as a winger at Highbury, he could, in Taylor's opinion, "yet be an asset to the squad because he is one of the few strikers who is happy out on the flank".

The promotion of Merson, aged 23, and Stewart is particularly ominous for Stevens, Waddle, and Wise. If they are not included in such circumstances — and Taylor stated that John Barnes, Gascoigne, Lee Sharpe, Des Walker, Mark Wright and Steve Bould would have been chosen had they not been injured — their international careers appear doomed.

Charles, a rich prospect at the age of just 21, and Dixon are properly considered superior to Stevens at right back. Wise's credentials were so weak that he should be grateful for the recognition, however brief, but the dismissal of Waddle, who has never started under Taylor, seems premature.

The Germans have included two representatives from the east — Sammer and Doll — as well as nine players attached to Italian clubs, in their squad. Ten of the 13 players used in the World Cup semi-final, decided on penalties 15 months ago, are named. England have only four of their dozen, Lineker, Platt, Parker and Steven. For the moment, Taylor's evolution has turned, albeit involuntarily, in to a revolution.

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Soviet players close to achieving rugby dream

ALISTAIR GRANT



Rugby resolution: Sergei Molchanov, the captain of the Soviet rugby team touring England, cuts an imposing figure as he poses for the cameras during preparations for his team's game today against Combined London Old Boys at Croxley Green. He is hoping to achieve every Soviet player's dream of representing his country at Twickenham. If he gets through today's game he should make it to face England on the hallowed turf on Saturday. Molchanov, aged 24, a physical education teacher, led the Soviet side who won half their games when they toured New Zealand this summer, but went down 56-6 to a New Zealand XV.

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Second division clubs show support for Premier League

By PETER BALL

THE chances of the Premier League beginning next season increased significantly yesterday when the second division clubs unanimously agreed to remove the principal obstacle, the contentious Football League regulation providing that their negotiations with the first division on matters of principle are concluded satisfactorily and built into a binding legal document.

A second meeting yesterday afternoon involving the second division negotiating team; Terry Robinson, of Bury, the associate members' representative; and Rick Parry, chairman of the first division clubs, rapidly agreed "to progress the negotiations quickly for the good of football," Arthur Sandford, the chief executive of the Football League, said. Further meetings, also involving the Football Association and the players' and managers' associations, will take place this week.

There is some urgency, with the League's extraordinary general meeting due next Tuesday to vote on regulation 11, which requires clubs to give three years' notice. It could be adjourned to allow negotiations to continue, but that is likely to run into objections from the FA, which only reluctantly agreed to continue to turn a blind eye to the League's failure to obtain sanction this season until after the EGM.

There is undoubtedly some serious negotiating to be done, with promotion and relegation, and the size of the Premier League itself, still contested. The second division is determined that a three-up, three-down system will be maintained, while the first division only wants that to remain until the league is reduced to 20 clubs, when it wants two-up and two-down.

The League also feels that the Premier League should remain at 22 clubs indefinitely. This would amost certainly meet with objections from the FA.

Navratilova emerges from the darkness

From ANDREW LONGMORE, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT, IN NEW YORK

ON A court divided equally between light and shade, Martina Navratilova went through both before emerging, blinking, into the sunlight of the US Open tennis quarter-finals. For long periods, however, it had seemed that the four-time champion would be confined to the darkness, losing to the same person and at the same stage as 12 months ago.

But, just as the epitaphs of a distinguished career were being written, Navratilova summoned every moment of her considerable experience. And, exposing the nerve ends of Manuela Maleeva-Fragniere, she came back from the dead to win 7-6, 1-6, 6-2.

Pete Sampras, the defending champion, had difficulty of his own before beating fellow American, David Wheaton, in four sets, while Stefan Edberg put his recent troubles behind him to overcome Michael Chang.

It was clear from her struggles at Wimbledon that all was not well with Navratilova. Her service was not as sharp nor her volleying as crisp as usual but there was nothing wrong with her heart.

So it was again yesterday. At 5-2 down in the first set and, again, when she was blown away in the second, only the bare bones of her game remained. Yet, from somewhere, she managed to pull herself back into the first set, breaking the Swiss girl to force a tie-break and breaking again early in the third to reach her 14th US Open quarter-final.

Stefan Edberg's straight sets victory over Michael Chang under floodlights was, in the words of the world No. 2, a "breakthrough". Edberg's experiences at night on the main court at the US Open have mainly been the stuff of nightmares.

This year, however, Edberg has changed his approach to New York by staying out of the city at Long Island and, mindful of his first-round defeat last year, when he was No. 1 seed and on a 24-match unbeaten run, tiptoeing rather than marching into the tournament.

The draw has helped these softly, softly tactics — Chang was his first opponent ranked inside the top 100 — and he will not get a better invitation into the last four. Only Javier Sánchez, younger and less famous brother of Emilio and ranked 49, stands between him and his second US Open semi-final.

Chang was unlucky to find Edberg in such a commanding mood and, though he drained every calorie from his body in the cause, hyperactivity was no match for the solidity of Edberg's serving and volleying.

Like Edberg, Lendl has shown an unusual mastery of improvisation over the past nine days. Having saved two match points in the opening round, Lendl has made the most of borrowed time and, during a four-set win over Goran Ivanisevic, was almost back to his fastidious best.

Ivanisevic managed to control himself for the first two sets until his patience finally snapped. "He is wild with his shots and he seems to self-destruct mentally sometimes. He is not consistent at all," Lendl said. Inconsistency would be outlawed in Lendl's Utopia.

As he has proved admirably so far, Stich, Lendl's next opponent, is a more resilient character altogether and seems incapable of losing a tennis match these days. He has won three of his last four tournaments on three different surfaces: Wimbledon (grass), Stuttgart (clay) and Schenectady (hard courts).

"I don't look at him as the Wimbledon champion," Lendl said. "I am looking at him as another opponent. If I win, I am in the semi-finals and anything can happen from there." But what would Lendl give to be just another opponent with a Wimbledon title?



Stich: resilience

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New substitutes rule for league

By SYDNEY FRISKIN

ROLLING substitutes are to be allowed for the first time in the Pizza Express national hockey league which starts on September 29. This will enable teams to make more than the three substitutions allowed in a match under the existing rules.

Club representatives at their meeting in Coventry on Sunday first agreed to the principle of rolling substitutions, although about 25 per cent of the members were against it. But agreement was later unanimous that all the members of the full squad of 16 can come on and go off as they please, provided the number of players on the field does not exceed 11.

The details concerning the actual implementation of the experimental law, which has already been tried in Australia, are being worked out by the management committee, but it is certain that the clock will not be stopped while the substitutions are being made.

There are doubts about the method of operation. For instance, the actual point at which each substitution is made will have to be clarified if the flow of the game is not to be interrupted. Rolling substitutes are allowed at the indoor game where the playing surface is much smaller and the number of players in action at any one time does not exceed six.

Although the lifting of the restriction on the number of outdoor substitutes lightens the burden on the technical delegate, he has to be consulted nevertheless before any substitution is made and he will probably note it.

Chinese athlete failed drugs test in Sheffield

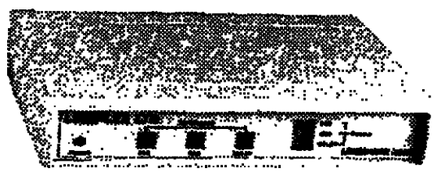
By LOUISE TAYLOR

A CHINESE female shot-putter has been stripped of the gold medal she won at World Student Games in Sheffield two months ago after failing a drugs test. The Sports Council yesterday confirmed that a urine sample supplied by Xinmei Sui, of China, contained traces of Methandienone, an anabolic steroid, which is a prohibited drug.

It is the first positive drugs test to have been recorded at a World Student Games since they were first staged in 1959.

A spokeswoman for the Sports Council said yesterday: "The athlete has been disqualified from the event, stripped of her medal, and the athletes who finished below her up-graded to gold, silver and bronze, and we are pressing for further positive action to be taken." Svetlana Kriveleva of the Soviet Union, who put 19.62 metres, now takes the gold medal. The Sports Council conducted 449 drug tests in Sheffield, but there were no other positive findings.

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Soviet athletes face up to an uncertain future

From DAVID MILLER
IN TOKYO

COMMENT

THE Soviet Union team left the world athletics championships here with 28 medals, two more than the United States. They may be the last athletic medals the Soviet team, as such, will ever win. The most powerful sports machine the world has known heads for home and the prospect of disintegration.

Much will depend on the meeting of the Soviet Union Olympic committee on September 11 and 12 in Moscow with all republics except the Baltics, whose independence is already recognised. Vitalyi Smirnov, the Olympic committee's president and an International Olympic Committee vice-president, is in an almost impossible negotiating position, dependant on the political outcome: the leader of an Everest expedition rapidly being deserted by his sherpas.

Igor Ter-Ovanesyian, former long jumper at five Olympic Games and president of the Soviet athletic federation, has no idea whether there is a job remaining for him. Born in Armenia, educated at Lvov University in the Ukraine, and all his adult life spent in Moscow, capital of the Russian republic, he is reduced to wondering who he is.

"I had so many ambitions as a sports leader," he said, "to do all I could for track and field for my country, the Soviet Union. As a competitor, I always felt we were as one, and I cannot imagine competing separately." This Russian son of Armenia is as confused about the future as most of his countrymen.

Ter-Ovanesyian will write to the athletics chairman of all republics except Baltic, seeking that they remain under one roof for major competitions such as the Olympic Games and the world championships; more or less a special treaty of unison similar to what Yeltsin/Gorbachev are seeking on national defence.

"I don't wish to say independence is bad," Ter-Ovaneysian said to me, "and as a democratic person I understand the independence some people want. Yet there are many difficulties." The Russian republic and Ukraine, say, would remain strong, but what about Georgia and smaller republics? "I must try to discover the general mood," he says, "to find a solution for what is best for our sport. How many countries won medals here out of 185? Only 16 won gold medals, and only 29 medals of any sort."

His last comment, of course, is partially self defeating: if the giant, amalgamated Soviet bear did not win 28 medals, there might be more for others, though probably only for those already sharing them, most notably the United States, who took the most golds, ten. And who wants an all-dominant United States?

If, for no other reason than that team-sport qualifications for the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona are already half complete, the Soviet overall team, flag and anthem will probably remain largely intact until next year, though Georgia is already refusing to let its competitors represent the Soviet Union. Never mind the Baltics.

The winning Soviet 4 x 400 metres women's relay team here had a Belorussian, a Ukrainian and two Russians, one from Moscow, one from St Petersburg, formerly Leningrad. The Ukrainian, that attractive blue-eyed laughing Ledovskaya, who defeated Sally Gunnell in the 400 hurdles, was in tears on the winners podium ... as a Soviet. The national basketball champions, on the other hands, are the Kalev Club from Tallinn, the Estonian capital; so they are more than happy to be Estonian.

The irony for Smirnov, the NOC president, is that he will be partially trapped on September 11 and 12 by his own device. When the Baltics reformed their pre-Second World War Olympic committees two years ago, unofficially, Smirnov, then on the Russian republic government sports federation, led a move to have unofficial Olympic committees in all republics so that the Baltics would always be out-voted. Now that disintegration has set in, the disaffected minor republics can argue: well, you have your Russian NOC, why not be happy with that?

The Russian republic, of course, extends from the Baltic some 9,000 kilometres to the Sea of Japan at Sakhaline peninsular, and provides the majority of Soviet competitors. Since the Soviet Union entered the Olympic Games in 1952, they have won 1,204 medals (473 gold 376 silver 555 bronze). Before 1952, and before the Revolution in 1917, it had been the Olympic Committee of All Russias, and the first five IOC members were either prince, count or general.

The fate of the individual Soviet sports federations, volleyball, tennis, etc will ultimately depend on the political decisions, and will be, in turn, determined by the IOC.

I can see, however, a possible non-political sports solution in which — as with Britain, which embraces Scotland, Ireland and Wales for major tournaments but not minor ones — some republics will wish to remain united with the Russian republic, and in regional competitions would compete independently with oriental, Muslim or European nations. Ter-Ovaneysian would wish that; but he can be sure that he is unlikely ever to have an athletics team as strong as in these memorable championships of 1991.

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